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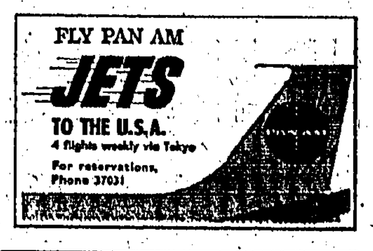


Comment Of The Day

Testing time for China

CHINESE Premier Chou En-lai now on a tour of Asia, has a two-fold mission: to settle border disputes with two neighbouring countries and to repair, where possible, strained relations with a number of neutral nations who have been at odds with Peking recently. What are his chances of success at this time — when China's relations with Asia have never been at a lower ebb? The banter and horseplay he experienced in Burma during the new year celebrations last weekend gave him a good and encouraging start. On top of that the long-standing border dispute has been settled and now needs only to be set out in a formal treaty. Negotiations to set the seal on this agreement could hardly fail to succeed.

BUT the litmus test begins with his arrival in New Delhi. If Chou's aim is to be unyielding on the disputed border issue the indications are that relations between the two countries will continue to slide backwards. India has made it clear that it is prepared to fight for its territory if necessary and Mr Krishna Menon's recent statement to Parliament on the nation's defence preparedness can leave the Chinese Premier with no room for doubt.

It is worth stressing again what Mr Menon did say because his message brought cheers in Parliament and new demands for India to align itself with other Asian nations against communism. More than 30 per cent of the budget has been devoted to defence. The 400,000 plus regular army has been brought to a state of war readiness and the militia may be increased by 750,000. Supersonic fighters have been ordered for the Air Force.

He went on to link the defence reorganisation directly to the dispute with China and warned that irrespective of the outcome of the talks with Chou, the Indian people living on the border should prepare themselves "to stand the shock if it should come." He even spoke of the need to prepare the public mind for initial military reverses, because a country engaged in defensive war always stood a chance of incurring them. These are fighting words and Chou would be foolish to underestimate them.

THE pressure on Nehru from inside and outside his own party to take a strong line with China and the uncompromising attitude of the Indian Press are other pointers to the crucial nature of these talks. It is difficult to see what can be achieved unless the Chinese back down—which is frankly unlikely. Their recent Himalayan claims on Nepal, including Mount Everest, and Chou's flat refusal to evacuate the captured Longju outpost—a gesture suggested by India—illustrate that he has no concessions to offer.

Mr Nehru on the other hand, has refused to negotiate with Chou but only "explore avenues which might lead to a peaceful solution." He reaffirmed this position on Sunday in his talks with rightwing opposition demonstrators. The prospects of this all-important meeting which might well crystallise uncommitted Asian opinion towards China, are far from bright.

Commonwealth security forces praised for their efforts

MALAYA TO END EMERGENCY

Paramount Ruler tells Parliament of future plans

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 19.

The Paramount Ruler of Malaya, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, told Parliament today that the Government planned to end the anti-Communist emergency on July 31 this year.

He was making his first formal speech as Yang Di-Pertuan Agong from the throne at the opening of the Malayan Parliament.

The emergency regulation came into force 12 years ago and "the restrictions that it has imposed on our liberty and livelihood have almost become part of our daily lives," he said.

The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong said "that period will soon be over and the debt which the people of this country owe to the security forces — both Malayan and Commonwealth—for their sustained and courageous effort over the years cannot be overemphasised.

Tributes

"Many tributes have been paid to them and the list of honours and awards earned by them is in itself, an epic of heroism and devotion to duty during the long and arduous struggle."

Looking into the past, Malaya's Paramount Ruler said "there were many dark periods when to most of us the prospect of victory seemed remote indeed."

Five or ten years ago, "the terror of murder and ambush was always present" and no one travelled outside the town area without an escort.

Not easy

"It has not been an easy victory and the cost has been dear both in lives and resources. For nearly 12 years it has absorbed all our energy and taxed our resources both spiritual and material," he said.

It was always the conviction of the Government that there would not be real peace in this country unless Communist terrorism in every form was completely eliminated, he declared.

The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong accused the Communist terrorist organisation for so long damaging "the peace, prosperity and communal harmony of our land."

"Our country can justifiably lay claim to the distinction of having been the only country to have fought and conquered these forces of evil. It will remain a glittering record in our history. We have emerged from these times and tribulations, strong, united and undivided."

God's Help

The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, however, warned against subversion after the shooting war was over.

"It remains now for us all, with God's help, still standing on guard against the sinister forces that do not rest in their attempts to undermine the government by secret and subversive means, to ensure that this great victory is not wasted".

The Government, he said, would introduce new legislation to fight against subversion. This will give the Government powers of "preventive detention" after repealing the emergency regulations.

"In taking this step the Government is but following the example of many other countries whose governments have shouldered squarely their responsibilities for securing internal peace and order", he said.

Other points

Other points made by the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong were:

● The Malayan Government attached great value to the Commonwealth ties which had been strengthened recently by the successful visit by the Malayan Prime Minister to Australia and New Zealand and the Australian Prime Minister's visit to Malaya.

● The Malayan Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, will bring up the recent South African riots in which a number of Africans were killed at the forthcoming Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London.

● Malaya would continue to work for the formation of an organisation for economic and cultural co-operation among Southeast Asian countries. The idea was first conceived by the Tunku and President Garcia of the Philippines.

Disarmament

● The Malayan Government would use its influence through the United Nations for world disarmament and would "strive against imperialism in any form anywhere." For this reason, Malaya took a leading part in raising the Tibetan issue in the United Nations.

● The financial outlook of the country was encouraging. The government is now preparing its second five-year development plan.

● In the field of commerce and industry, Malaya would support and foster the primary products. Rubber development schemes would be undertaken to ensure the country's position as the world's largest producer of natural rubber. Increasing attention would also be given to the development of Malaya's tin industry. The development of rural areas would be one of the important tasks of the government this year.—Reuter.

THORNEYCROFT TO GO BACK IN CABINET?

London, Apr. 19.

Mr Peter Thorneycroft, who resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer two years ago in protest against what he thought was excessive government spending, is "likely" to return to the cabinet, it was reported here today.

The Daily Mail, a Conservative newspaper, said that Mr Thorneycroft had "made a back-bench comeback" and impressed Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, and "many other Tories."

"Particularly impressive," the newspaper said, "was Mr Thorneycroft's line during the debate on the budget. He was critical, but his arguments were cogent and his attack restrained."

PETER THORNEYCROFT

The newspaper said he was "considered a candidate" for the Home Office should Mr R. A. Butler, the present Home Secretary, move into another post—possibly as Foreign Secretary.—Reuter.

UAR plans boycott of U.S. ships

Cairo, Apr. 18.

United Arab Republic dockworkers plan to boycott all United States shipping from tonight in retaliation against the boycott of the UAR vessel Cleopatra by a seamen's and a longshoremen's union in New York harbour.

Foreign observers view the development as serious because of the importance of the Suez Canal to American shipping.

The dockers' decision has been communicated to the United States Embassy here by the UAR Foreign Ministry.

In Damascus today a spokesman for the Arab League Israel Boycott Central Office said the New York union men's move might force similar unions in all Arab countries to boycott all United States ships.

He said the New York move was considered a "hostile act" against all Arab countries because they all enforced the boycott against the Jewish state.

The spokesman said the Arab countries and Israel were still in a state of war which "gives the Arab authorities the right to take any measure entailed by such a state."

INJUNCTION

Meanwhile the United States District Court here will hold a hearing today on an injunction to stop the boycott of the United Arab Republic passenger-cargo ship Cleopatra in New York harbour.

The boycott, organised by two port workers unions, is now in its sixth day as a reprisal against the blacklisting by the Arab League of American vessels trading with Israel or calling in Israeli ports.

The two unions, the Seafarers International Union and the International Longshoremen's Association, claim the Arab blacklisting is depriving American merchant seamen of jobs.

The injunction is being sought by the New York Shipping Association, a group representing the interests of ships owners in New York harbour. The hearing will be conducted by Judge Edward Weinfeld.—Reuter and UPI.

Demonstrations in Seoul come to end

Seoul, Apr. 19.

The anti-Government demonstrations in Seoul petered out last night after almost eight consecutive hours during which more than 100 people were arrested and at least nine suffered injuries.

It was unknown exactly how many suffered minor injuries during the sporadic clashes throughout the afternoon and the stoning of police boxes, trams, taxis and buses by some of the demonstrators.

The Korea University students, who had been staging a sitdown strike in front of the National Assembly Building here along with thousands of other students, called off the strike last night and returned to their campus.

GO HOME

There President Yoo Chin of the University addressed them again after which they went home in taxis and buses commandeered by police.

The students had resorted to the sitdown strike in protest to police violence and alleged election fraud.

They began dispersing only after a second appearance by Mr Yoo. They had turned deaf ears to an earlier plea by Mr Yoo and others, including the former Premier and one time presidential hopeful Mr Chang Taik-sung.

In Chong, some 70 miles south of Seoul, more than a thousand high school students, nearly half of them girls, demonstrated and stoned the police.

About 120 of them were arrested for a short period but most of them were released. No serious injuries were reported.

In Pusan, a second demonstration attempt was quickly put down by the police.

In Masan, prosecutors ordered the arrest of police officials responsible for the alleged torture and slaying of people arrested during the election day rioting.—UPI.

De Gaulle's Canadian visit

Ottawa, Apr. 18.

President Charles de Gaulle of France arrived here by air tonight to begin a four-day Canadian visit.

De Gaulle was greeted by Governor-General Vanier and Prime Minister Diefenbaker.—AP.

OLD HONGKONG RESIDENT DIES

Passing of Mr George Brayfield

One of the oldest European residents in Hongkong, Mr George Brayfield, died early this morning at St Paul's Hospital.

He was aged 81. He first came to Hongkong in the reign of King Edward VII and apart from a short period of war service in World War I in the Royal Engineers, George Brayfield lived here for more than 50 years.

He was one of the Colony's most colourful personalities and was once known as the "Burgomaster of Taipo" where he once lived.

His feuds with the Kowloon Canton Railway — which once refused to sell him a third-class ticket—are legendary.

Chinese alias

He adopted a Chinese name —Wong Sui-ngau—and applied again for the third-class ticket under this name.

Mr Brayfield, once senior partner of the firm Carmichael and Clarke, entered St Paul's Hospital three weeks ago after an illness which had affected him for more than two years.

He died at 7 o'clock this morning.

Mr Brayfield was a prominent race-horse owner and on January 22, 1955, his horses won two big races — the Jockey Cup with Fleetmaster ridden by Starr Liu, and the Sports Club Cup with Fieldmaster ridden by the late Marcel Samaraq.

He was himself a founder member of the Sports Club.

He was also a long-standing member of the Hongkong Club and the HK Football Club.

First venture

The late Mr Brayfield was born in York, England on April 25, 1879.

In 1908 he went by ss Ardova to Australia, his first venture to the Far East.

He joined Messrs Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors of Hongkong, while in Australia and arrived in Hongkong in 1909.

He grew so fond of this city that he became a permanent resident.

During World War I he was on leave in England where he was mobilised.

In 1919 he returned to Hongkong and became a partner in Carmichael and Clarke in 1912 for 38 years.

During the Japanese occupation of Hongkong he was interned in Stanley.

Funeral

A bachelor, the late Mr Brayfield is survived by two sisters, Mrs E. B. Allport in Canada and Mrs E. N. Kidson in England, two half-sisters, Mrs O. M. Sugden and Miss B. H. Brayfield and a half brother, Mr F. F. Brayfield.

A church service will be held at St John's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow to be followed by a funeral service at the International Funeral Parlour and interment at the Colonial Cemetery.

The cortege will pass the monument at 5 p.m.

This picture taken in 1955 shows the late Mr Brayfield leading in one of his ponies and wearing his well-known winning 'bowler.'

Tragic end to a new life

Sigourney, Apr. 19.

Mrs Ruth Hammes, who lost all her eight children in 1956 when her car and a train collided at a railway crossing near their farm home, died today in childbirth, the child was also dead.

Mrs Hammes, 41, was the only survivor of the 1956 accident. She and her husband, a farmer, started a new life after the collision and she gave birth to a son on January 18, 1958. The unborn child would have been their second.—Reuter.

Vickers sues U.S. airline for $33 million

Washington, Apr. 18.

Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., today sued its main American customer, Capital Airlines, for $33,842,000 which it claims is "due and payable."

The British firm raised its demand from $11,981,000 which previously had been specified as overdue because, a spokesman said. Capital failed to make payment within three days after notice that it was in default.

Vickers - Armstrongs also applied, in the U.S. District Court, for foreclosure of the mortgage on the Viscount turbo-prop transports that it sold to the airline.

SETTLEMENT HOPES

In spite of the legal action, the British firm reiterated its hopes for a friendly settlement.

Mr Hugh R. H. Smith, lawyer for the firm, in announcing the action taken in New York, said:

"Nevertheless, Vickers-Armstrongs has asked me to state that holders of the Capital secured promissory notes continued to be willing to co-operate in a sound plan which makes adequate provision for the notes and for the solution of Capital's financial problems."

Capital's Board of Directors held a special meeting for seven hours last Friday, but failed to come up with workable financing plans.

The annual shareholders meeting of Capital Airlines will be held here next Wednesday. On Thursday the directors will hold their annual organisational meeting. Aviation interests expect that if a new solution is developed, it will be made public then.—AP.

LEOPARD RUNS LOOSE IN ZOO

Memphis, Apr. 18.

A full grown black leopard, among the most dangerous of jungle cats, roamed Overton Park Zoo for an hour and a half today and clawed an attendant before it was recaptured.

The leopard slipped from its cage through a door left open by mistake during routine cleaning by keepers. Its escape was discovered immediately and zoo attendants stalked it, with rifles ready, during the entire escape.

At one point, the zoo superintendent, Raymond Gray, gave orders to shoot, just as the leopard appeared ready to leap over a wall enclosing the zoo grounds. But at that point, the animal turned back and turned toward a concession area where it was trapped in a closet.

No visitors were in the zoo grounds. The leopard escaped before the zoo gates were opened to the public.—UPI.

Bomb incident

Paris, Apr. 18.

A bomb exploded today in a cafe in eastern Paris used mainly by Algerians, slightly injuring one customer.—Reuter.

INDUSTRY IN SINGAPORE

Expansion programme to help economy

From GORDON HUNG

Singapore in some respects is very much like Hongkong geographically and economically, but whereas Hongkong's position as a transhipment point for the hinterland—mainland China—is almost non-existent now, Singapore is still the major port for the Federation.

When Hongkong lost her value as an entrepot, her go-getting businessmen started to build factories until today her goods are known throughout the world.

Singapore on the other hand is not likely to lose her entrepot value for many years to come but her prosperity depends a lot on the expansion of world trade and the price of rubber and tin, which she exports from the Federation. Thus at the moment, Singapore is left to the whims and fancy of international trade, which if it fluctuates up is good for Singapore but if it goes down all Singapore will suffer.

Economy

Being a self-governing territory, the present ruling People's Action Party have taken it upon themselves to give Singapore a steady economy that would be less affected by outside influences.

Industrialisation is now the keyword to Singapore's future.

Although she has a number of factories, the only type that could come under the heading of a big industry is the pineapple packing business. But because of the strong competition from South Africa, Australia, Hawaii and Taiwan, Singapore's tin pineapples are having a hard time keeping their own on the world market. A number of pine factories have already closed in Singapore.

The closing down of these factories has added an additional strain on the Government, which is trying to fight the serious unemployment problem in the island state.

Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister, said recently that Singapore must industrialise if it wanted to survive "for there is no way by which our entrepot trade can continue to give full employment to our rapidly growing population."

Saturation

He said that each year, 30,000 more people were either leaving school or had reached the age when they looked for jobs. And now that white collar jobs have almost reached saturation point, there was nowhere for these people to go except into industry.

In allaying the businessmen's fears of the PAP, Mr Lee said that the Government was in "the curious position of being a socialist government entrusted with the responsibility for industrial expansion and development in what is still essentially a free enterprise and capitalist system"

"But so long as your activity not only assures your own prosperity, but the prosperity of the whole community, you will find the apparatus of the Government willing and ready to assist you in your enterprise," he said.

One point that has been uppermost in the minds of Singapore Government leaders is the fate of their entrepot trade. At the moment Singapore relies to a great extent on the Federation for the prosperity of their trading centre, which might have become the twelfth state of the Federation had a rightwing government been elected here in the last elections and not a leftwing one.

With the possibilities of a merger very remote while an Alliance Government is in power in the Federation, a PAP Government in Singapore, the Federation, which has to rely on Singapore as her major port at present, is going ahead with her HK$54 million construction and expansion of the North Klang Straits project, which envisages the development of Port Swettenham on the west coast of Malaya as one of the Federation's major ports by 1964.

Whether this port will ever take over Singapore's position in relation to the Federation is hard to tell, but the Singapore Government has already seen what happened to Hongkong when her entrepot trade collapsed 10 years ago after China closed her back door.

Singapore's PAP Government is taking no chances and is now trying to woo Indonesia into using Singapore as her transhipment centre for her rubber and other produce.

Although there is a lot of liquid money around in Singapore, her businessmen are primarily traders and not manufacturers. Another thing is that they are of the old-fashioned conservative Chinese school of businessmen, who unlike the progressive Shanghai businessmen of Hongkong, do not like to take chances.

Trade unions

And one of the biggest enigmas in Singapore is the workers. The trade unions in Singapore are very powerful and it is not to be forgotten that it was largely through their help that the PAP was put into power.

At the moment there is no industrial strife in Singapore, but businessmen have been watching carefully how the Government has been dealing with various workers' disputes in the past months. In nearly all cases, it seems to them that the workers have come out on top.

Many businessmen fear that the Government is too favourable to the workers and if they had to accede to the majority of their workers' demands, it would be unprofitable to operate factories as their products would be too high-priced to be competitive.

Thus the Government is looking abroad and trying to entice foreigners to invest in Singapore and help in her industrialisation dream.

So far the most receptive country has been Japan. A Japanese Ministry of Trade team has already made a survey of Singapore and selected six industries as best suited to be set up in Singapore with Japanese assistance.

They were farm implements, electrical appliances, telecommunications equipment, optical instruments, cameras and plastics.

The Japanese entry into the market is no accident as she is all out to dominate the Southeast Asian economic scene.

Japan's bouyant economy, which has reached an all-time record, is straining for wider fields and the Japanese Government is setting up a HK$2,700 million fund to assist Japanese businessmen to establish industries in Southeast Asian countries especially Singapore.

Capital investment overseas rather than the exports of consumer goods will in future be Japan's major form of economic expansion in Southeast Asia.

Oil refinery

And she has already got a firm foothold in Singapore. A leading Japanese industrial concern, Toyo Menka Kaisha, will build a HK$117 million oil refinery jointly with the Maruzen Oil Company of Osaka in Singapore.

This refinery, which is expected to go into operation by November next year, will have an initial capacity of 20,000 barrels a day.

The Government has given the company pioneer industry status — similar to that operating in the Federation — which exempts it from tax for five years.

The refinery, which is to be built next to the largest power station in Singapore, will be able to supply this station with fuel "at a very favourable price."

It will provide jobs for about 200 to 300 people without counting those in the sales and distribution fields and local men will replace Japanese technicians and managerial staff as they become qualified.

Another Japanese venture in Singapore is the setting up of a HK$9 million steel rolling mill, which will initially convert scrap from wrecks in Singapore and Indonesian waters into angles and bars.

Later the plant will install electric furnaces for the production of steel plates and rods. This second phase will cost an additional HK$9 million.

The tentative plan is for 60 per cent of the capital to be subscribed locally. The Japanese would put up the other 40 per cent.

This rolling mill will be one of the prime consumers of steel billets to be produced by the ambitious HK$1,080 million iron and steel mill planned by the Government.

Giant mill

This giant mill was the outcome of talks the Prime Minister had with the Indonesian First Minister, Dr Djuanda, during his state visit to Indonesian last year.

It is proposed that the mill will use Indonesian coal and Malayan iron ore and limestone.

The Singapore Government hopes to get the finance for the mill from the World Bank, and the UN is sending two survey teams to study the feasibility of opening a steel mill in Singapore.

Here again if the World Bank declines to lend Singapore the money, Japanese as well as German industrialists have expressed interest in investing in the proposed mill.

The setting up of the mill would result in a whole range of secondary industries being created to process its products and part of Singapore's unemployment problem would be solved with jobs for 2,000 to 3,000 at the mill alone.

Aluminium plant

Another major project which may materialise is a multi-million-dollar aluminium smelting plant to produce aluminium from Federation bauxite.

Whereas the Federation is concentrating its industrialisation plans on setting up factories producing consumer goods, Singapore seems to be heading for the heavy industry field; where there is more scope in finding jobs for her people.

As the Minister of Finance, Dr Goh Keng Swee, said in his New Year message:

"If we continue to work as hard and intelligently as our forefathers who made this island swamp into a flourishing city, we shall succeed in the task ahead of us—that of converting a trading centre into a centre of industry."

The way to full industrialisation is full of pitfalls, but the initial interest shown by foreign countries spells good for this struggling new state that has no natural resources of its own.

Yesterday's Closing COMMODITY PRICES

METALS

NEW YORK

Closing prices, all in cents per lb.:

Lead	May	11.35
	July	11.50
Zinc	May	11.50
	July	11.05
Copper	May	29.91
	July	28.73

—UPI.

SUGAR

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Contract No. 4 (world)

May	2.98
July	3.09
Sept.	3.17
Oct.	3.18
May	3.26

Total Sales: 892 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

May	5.78
July	5.90
Sept.	5.45
Nov.	5.90

Total Sales: 546 contracts.

—UPI.

COTTON

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Spot: 34.10 nom; May: 32.99; July: 32.05; Oct: 30.59; Dec: 30.61; Mar: 31.03; May: 31.16; July: 31.30; Oct: 30.60; Dec: 30.65; Mar: 30.85.

NEW ORLEANS

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Spot: 31.00; May: 32.90; July: 30.98; Oct: 30.89; Dec: 31.01; Mar: 31.28; May: 31.30; July: 30.89; Oct: 30.08; Dec: 30.08; Mar: 30.85.

SAO PAULO

(Closing prices all in cruzeiro per kilo): unquoted.

Average price in U.S. at 14 designated spot markets: 32.11.

Total sales: 50,784 bales.

—UPI.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Turnover on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $2,137,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1260	1275	20 @ 1270
INSURANCES			
Union	95	97	200 @ 96
Lombard ..	44½		
SHIPPING			
Wheelock ..	7.20	7.25	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf ..	183		33 @ 185
Dock	109	111	500 @ 110
			500 @ 110
			300 @ 110
			200 @ 110
Provident	18.60	18.80	
Taikoo Dock	51	51½	850 @ 52
			600 @ 51.50
			2500 @ 51
			200 @ 51
			400 @ 51
			500 @ 51
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	35½	36	500 @ 36
			100 @ 36
			500 @ 36
HK Land ..	57	57½	200 @ 58
			1700 @ 57½
HK Land, (Rts) ...	32¾		284 @ 32¾
Humphreys	24	24½	500 @ 24.20
Realty	1.725	1.75	5000 @ 1.75
			5000 @ 1.75
			5000 @ 1.75
RUBBER			
Amalg. ...	6.95	7.05	2300 @ 7.10
			6000 @ 7.05
			1000 @ 7
			1000 @ 7.05
			1100 @ 7
			5000 @ 7
Trust	8.90	9	1000 @ 9.10
			1000 @ 9
			3000 @ 8.90
			1000 @ 8.95
Sungala ..	4.80		5000 @ 5
UTILITIES			
Tram	31½	31¾	500 @ 31.75
			200 @ 31.75
			500 @ 31.75
			500 @ 31.75
Star Ferry .	152	155	200 @ 170
Yaumati ...	170	171	200 @ 170
C Light ...	22.70	23	500 @ 22.80
			200 @ 22.90
			300 @ 22.80
			500 @ 22.80
Electric	27.40	27.50	500 @ 27½
			1000 @ 27½
			601 @ 27.40
			1000 @ 27.50
Macao E. ..	12.10		
Gas	13.30	13½	2360 @ 13.30
			240 @ 13.20
			3070 @ 13.30
			750 @ 13.20
			140 @ 13.20
			205 @ 13.20
			170 @ 13.30
			600 @ 13.30
			420 @ 13.30
Telephone .	36	36¼	200 @ 36.25
			500 @ 36
			500 @ 36.25
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	42¾	43	600 @ 43
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy XD .	26.30	26.40	100 @ 26.40
			500 @ 26.40
			500 @ 26.40
			500 @ 26.40
Watson	28.30		500 @ 28.40
			200 @ 28.50
			135 @ 28.30
			400 @ 28.50
Lane, Craw.	34	34¼	400 @ 34½
			1000 @ 34.75
			200 @ 34½
COTTONS			
Textiles	9¾	10	2000 @ 9.75
			2000 @ 9.75
			1000 @ 9.80
			4000 @ 9.80
Nanyang ...	13.40	14	3000 @ 13.80
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro	13.40		
INVESTMENTS			
Int.	8.20	8.40	5000 @ 8.20
Allied		7.70	1000 @ 7.80
			3000 @ 7.75
			6000 @ 7.70
			1000 @ 7.70

Wall Street rally bid lacks support

New York, Apr. 18.

Stocks moved irregularly in moderate trading today.

An early attempt at a rally lacked full support and a majority of issues fell back from their highs, some into lower ground.

Blue chip industrials, electronics, glass issues, motors and a number of miscellaneous stocks favoured the upside, while rails, oils, metals, aircrafts and some steels were lower.

The mixed pattern of trading discouraged those bulls who had looked for the start of the long awaited spring rally now that the tax deadline is out of the way and the business picture has cleared a bit.

STEELS UP

Steels were fractionally higher. Motors firmed on continued good car sales reports. Utilities held steady.

Polaroid again was in the spotlight, rising around five. Universal Match, one of last week's favourites, jumped about three. Bendix advanced around two in the aircrafts.

On the downside, Reynolds Metals dropped around five, Filtron around two, and General Electric about one.

Today's volume was 3,200,000 shares.

Of a total 1,236 shares traded, 489 were higher and 515 lower.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	630.77
20 Rails	143.55
15 Utilities	89.72
65 Stocks	207.64
40 Bonds	83.02
Comm. future price index ..	145.23

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$ 43⅝
Allied Chemicals	50
Allied Mills Inc.	37
Allis Chalmers	32⅛
American Airline	19
American Cyanamid Co.	52½
Amer. & Forgn. Power	8¼
Am. Gas & Electric	50
Am. Home Prod.	160¾
Am. Mach. & F'dry.	93½
American Metal	22⅞
Am. Natural Gas	61¾
American Smelting	44⅝
Am. Sugar Ref.	20⅞
American Tel & Tel	93⅝
American Tob.	100¼
Ampex	33⅞
Anaconda Copper	53⅝
Armco Steel	61⅛
Armour	33¼
Atlas Cons. Mining	7¼
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	15¼
Baltimore & Ohio	45⅝
Bank of Montreal	50⅝b
Beech Life Savers	33¾
Bell Telephone	44½
Beneficial Finance	26
Bendix Aviation Corp.	65
Benguet Cons.	1⅜
Bethlehem Steel	45⅞
Boeing Airplane	23⅞
Borden (The) Co.	63⅜
Burroughs Add Machine	30¾
Calif. Packing Corp.	30¾
Cana. Bk. of Comm.	50⅜
Cana. Brewers	58½
Campbell Soup Co.	48¾
Canadian Pacific R.	27½
Case (J. I.) Co.	12
Cat. Tractor	29
Celanese Corp.	25⅛
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	53⅞
Chase Manhat. Bank	60½b
Chrysler Motors	54¼
Cluett Peabody	54¼
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	39
Colombian Carbon Co.	48
Commercial Credit	65¼
Consolidated Paper	30¾
Consumers Gas	38
Continental Can	42½
Continental Oil of Del.	48⅞
Crane Co.	55¼
Crown Zellerbach	44
Delaware & Hudson Co.	25
Diamond Alkali	53
Diamond Gard	32⅛
Dominion Stores	51
Douglas Aircraft	31¼
Dow Chemical	92⅛
Dupont de Nemours	215½
Eastern Air Line	25⅛
Eastman Kodak	114¼
Family Finance Corp.	29⅛
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	37½
First Nat. City Bank	80¼
Ford Motor	72⅛
Georgia Pacific	56⅛
General Dynamics	42⅛
General Electric	92⅛
General Foods	104½
General Motors	46⅞
Gen. Pub. Util.	23⅛
Gen. Tel. & Elec.	80¼
Gen. Tyre & Rubber	62½
Getty Oil	14½
Glidden Co.	30¾
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	74
Goodyear Tyre	38⅞
Great Northern Railway	44½
Grumman Aircraft	25⅛
Gulf Oil	30
Heyden Newport Corp.	88½
Homestake Mining Co.	42
Ingersoll-Rand	40¼
Inland Steel Co.	74
Interchemical Corp.	48⅞
Int'l Harvester	44¾
International Nickel	108¼
International Paper	114½
Int'l Tel. & Tel.	41½
Johns-Manville Co.	66⅞
Kaiser Industries	42¼
Kansas C. Power & Light	50
Kennecott Copper	75½
Kimberly Clark	70
Liggett & Myers Tob. Co.	81⅛
Lily Tulip	51½
Litton Ind.	70¾
Lockheed Aircraft	23
Loews Incorp.	27⅜
Lone Star Cement Co.	28½
Lowenstein & Sons.	16½
McDermott J. Ray	28
McDonnell Aircraft	37¾
Merck	84⅞
Mesabi Iron Corp.	90
Minnesota Mining	105½
Mission Development	17⅞
Montecatini	20½
Montgomery Ward	45½
Motorola Inc.	170¾
National Biscuit Co.	55⅜
National Cash Reg. "A"	61¾
National Dairy Prod.	48⅜
National Lead	96¼
National Steel Corp.	77½
New York Central	23½
Noranda Mines Ltd.	40⅛
Norfolk & Western Ry.	97¾
North Amer. Aviation	32⅞
Northwest Airlines (Com.)	19⅝
Oklahoma Nat. Gas	20½
Olin Mathieson	48
Otis Elevators	39¾
Owen-Illinois Glass	106
Oxford Paper Co.	20½
Pacific Gas & Elec.	63⅜
Pan American Airways	17¾
Paramount Pictures	44
Parke Davis Co.	45⅝
Penny J. C. Co.	125
Philip Morries	61¼
Pitney Bowes	38⅜
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	68
Publicker Industries	10
Pullman	71¾
Pure Oil	31½
Radio Corporation	77¾
Radio Corp. Pref.	72
Raytheon	42⅞
Republic Steel	61¼
Reynolds Metal	60¼
Royal Bank of Canada	68⅝
Royal Dutch	48
Rheem Mfg.	21
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	49⅝
Shell Oil Co	30
Safeway Stores	40⅛
Saint Reg. Paper	39⅝
Schenley Inc.	23½
Scott Paper	81¼
Sinclair Oil	41⅛
Smith, Kline & French	48
Socony Mobil Oil	37¾
South Puerto Rico Sugar	16
Southern Co. (The)	43⅛
Southern Natural Gas	34⅛
Southern Railway (Com.)	47¾
Sperry Rand	21⅛
Standard Brands	40¼
Standard Oil of Cal.	42¾
Standard Oil of Ind.	40¼
Standard Oil of N.J.	43¾
Steel Co. of Canada	78¼
Sterling Drug Co.	49
Stokely-Van Camp.	15
Stone & Webster	57
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	14
Sunshine Mining	6⅛
Swift & Co.	40¼
Texas Co.	74½
Textron Inc.	22⅛
Thiokol Chem.	40
Tide Water Oil	20¾
Time Inc.	66½
Traders Finance	34¼
Tri-Cont. Warrants	22⅛
Twentieth Century Fox Film	37⅛
Union Carbide	130
Union Oil of Cal.	40
Union Pacific Railway	28⅛
United Aircraft	33⅛
United Fruit	23⅛
United Gas Corp.	34¼
U.S. Foil "B"	38⅛
U.S. Gypsum	104¼
U.S. Line Co.	27⅛
U.S. Rubber	54½
U.S. Smelting	34⅛
U.S. Steel	80⅛
U.S. Steel 7 P.C. Pf	144¾
Westinghouse Air Brake	28¾
Westinghouse Electric	54⅛
Western Union Tel. Co.	44¾
West Va. Pulp & Paper	42¾
Winn-Dixie Stores	51¾
Woolworth (K. W.)	[illegible]
Zenith Radio	101½

—UPI.

Chicago grain market

Chicago, Apr. 18.

Grain futures were quiet and little changed today on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat futures encountered only a light interest today, but reports that a large export business is pending brought small buying into nearby contracts. Prices closed firm.

Soybeans were also slow, with most dealings influenced by a downswing in meals and oils. Eastern houses sold July plans and spreaders bought July and sold May. The May closed weak.—UPI.

Wave of U.S. overseas investments

Washington, Apr. 18.

The magazine U.S. News and World Report says "a wave of investments abroad," by U.S. industry is showing up in the annual reports of American companies.

The weekly headlines its extensive copyrighted special report, "One U.S. boom that's strictly overseas."

It adds the annual reports show American business is adding more than a billion dollars annually to its overseas operations and the investment of U.S. business abroad now exceeds $28 billion.

These American companies are seeking "to penetrate foreign markets or to take advantage of savings offered where labour costs are lower."

SURVEY

Pictures illustrating its survey included:

Germany: A plant making parts for the Otis Elevator Company in Berlin. Otis' foreign affiliates booked $10 million in business in 1959.

Scotland: A Dundee plant of the National Cash Register Company. Such plants make 60 per cent of the machines this company sells overseas.

Typical of the stories told in annual reports of the American companies, the article said, was this by General Motors, the world's biggest car maker:

"Manufacturing facilities overseas are being further expanded to meet the demand of the growing car market abroad. These projects will require a total expenditure of more than $200 million.

FOREIGN AID

In conclusion the article summed up:

"You see a programme of 'foreign aid' financed by American industry costing billions of dollars but also quite profitable.

"In the process, jobs which would go to U.S. workers if the same plants could be built in the United States, are going to foreign workers; foreign incomes and living standards are being lifted, and assets of American stockholders are piling up."—AP.

Specialisation in cargo ships, its effect on trade

ALTHOUGH dry-cargo shipowners continue to enjoy reasonably profitable trading conditions, they cannot yet be sure that the improvement in freight markets is of a lasting nature. Total world laid-up tonnage, at 5.6 million tons gross, is still considerable in volume, and the summer slack period lies ahead. But at least the depression is giving shipowners time to think and plan for the future, and the slump is providing points for meditation.

Some 2.4 million tons gross of dry-cargo vessels are laid up throughout the world. But only about 105,000 tons of the world total represent ships built since 1945.

It seems certain that many of the old tramps lying idle will never trade again. They can no longer operate economically unless freight rates are very high, and it is probable that when supply and demand are again in balance, rates will be contained within narrower limits than those of three or four years ago.

This would preclude profitable operation by pre-war, as well as by many war-built, ships.

In any case, a high percentage of their former cargoes is now handled efficiently and economically by the growing fleet of large, fast, specialised carriers.

THE KEY

Opinions expressed recently support the view that these ships provide the key as to how best shipping can serve the changing conditions of world trade. There is little doubt that as new trading patterns emerge the market for genuine tramping is becoming smaller.

With tankers now carrying grain, coupled with the advent of large ore carriers, the pattern of sea transport is changing. This is perhaps hitting the tramps hardest of all.

This underlines the tendency to buy or sell in greater bulk, the world's goods being moved by cargo liners or in specialised carriers owned by the industries concerned or chartered for relatively long periods.

In a word, the trend is towards security employment. Bulk shippers cannot be blamed for wishing to stabilise their costs.

The prime example of this is found in the ore carrier. World metal consumption continues to rise at a spectacular rate; iron ore imports into Britain, for example, have risen by over 100 per cent in the last 12 years, and many other countries show similarly impressive increases.

Carried almost entirely by ordinary tramps before the war, ore is now transported about the world by specialised carriers which, by the end of 1961, will probably amount to nearly 6 million tons deadweight, with an annual carrying capacity of about 90 million tons.

By mid 1962 there will be over 70 ore carriers operating under BISC (Ore)'s control. Shippers in other countries are following BISC's lead by promoting the building of ore carriers under both collective and individual employment guarantees.

The American coal export trade, once the backbone of the transatlantic tramp market, continues to decline. In Britain, the intermediate tramp has been seriously affected by the virtual disappearance of the British coal export trade, while many of the old ships (of 3,500 tons gross and over) are being displaced by larger and newer ones.

BULK CARRIER

The bulk carrier, as distinct from the ore carrier, is a comparatively new type of ship, although it has a long history on the Great Lakes. One bulk carrier type, which can carry any large cargo from coal to fertilisers, has been hailed as the tramp of the future.

In addition there are the container, lift-on and lift-off as well as roll-on and roll-off ships. Other ships are now specially designed to carry phosphate rock, liquid gases, cars, wine—even orange juice. Development is continuous and the possibilities are endless.

The modern bulk carriers of 18,000 tons and over represent very large capital investments, to be repaid during good trading periods, but their low operating costs can have a radical effect on rate levels.

While ideal supply conditions exist, the bigger the ship the lower is the cost per cargo ton-mile. The use of new supertankers in the grain trade is a confirmation of the economic value of size.

There are still many charterers who favour the handy 10,000 to 12,000-ton tramp, which is eminently suitable for some trades, whereas the bigger ship is not.

Often draught restrictions and limited port facilities give the advantage to the tramp. But while there will always be a need for a certain supply of general-purpose ships, tramp operators are the first to acknowledge the growth of specialisation.

In recent years, a very substantial proportion of tramp activity has been on time charter to cargo liner companies, and many tramp owners have shown their belief in the continuance of this practice by designing their new ships accordingly.

Apart from tramp owners entering the ore-carrier field as a subsidiary activity, the growing number of "super tramps," of 12,000 tons and upwards, is evidence of owners moving with the times, led by the Germans, Greeks and Norwegians.

TWA to continue suspension to PI

Washington, Apr. 18.

THE Civil Aeronautics Board has authorised Trans World Airlines (TWA) to continue suspension of service to Manila because of insufficient traffic.

A year ago, the Board first authorised TWA to stop serving Manila on a temporary basis without losing its Manila permit. It said TWA could continue the suspension for a year or until 90 days after the Board's final decision in the trans-Pacific route case, whichever occurs first.

The Board observed "that traffic at Manila has not increased and that the circumstances which justified the previous authorisation to suspend the service at Manila continue to exist."—UPI.

St Lawrence seaway opens for business

Montreal, Apr. 18.

THE St Lawrence seaway opened for 1960 business today in dull, gray weather.

The first ship to pass through the St Lambert Lock, gateway to the 135-mile waterway, was the 14,480-ton Lemoyne, an old Canada Steamship Lines freighter bound for Ashtabula, Ohio, to pick up a load of coal.

Next in line were six Canadian lake ships, bound for a variety of lake ports to pick up grain, coal and general cargo.

They were followed by three ocean-going ships from European and British ports, arriving with general cargo for lake ports.

There were 15 other vessels in the lineup, waiting their turn through the St. Lambert lock.—AP.

PAA fined for faulty maintenance

Washington, Apr. 18.

THE Federal Aviation Agency has fined Pan American World Airways $2,000 for faulty maintenance and inspection of a 707 jet passenger plane.

The agency emphasised the seriousness with which it viewed the infraction, which forced the pilot to jettison fuel and return to base shortly after take off from New York city for Paris last Jan. 16.—AP.

KIDNAP INSURANCE

Wealthy families fear future incidents

Paris, Apr. 18.

Wealthy French families have inquired about "kidnap insurance" since the ransom kidnapping of four-year-old Eric Peugeot, heir to the Peugeot automobile fortune, it was disclosed today.

Eric, kidnapped last week from the playground of an exclusive suburban golf club, was returned unharmed 57 hours later after his father, Mr Roland Peugeot, paid a ransom of HK$560,000.

The kidnapping fell like a bombshell on France's rich who had not suffered a ransom kidnapping, known in French as "A l'Americaine", since 1935 and very few before that.

Some talked to their insurance companies about possible kidnap insurance and others considered following the lead of Monaco's Prince Rainier who reportedly hired a bodyguard for his children.

Prediction

French wags predicted classified advertisements in conservative newspapers may someday read, "Wanted, good strong youth liking children, for responsible job."

Meanwhile, police asked the whole nation to watch for the bulk of the ransom money.

The police today issued the serial numbers of 5,945 notes involved and asked 45 million people to be on the "qui vive" for them.

The list occupied a full page in France's biggest-selling newspaper, France-Soir. Although it was incomplete by about four million francs, it was explained there had not been enough time to note all the numbers before the ransom was handed over.

The kidnappers were, however, left with enough doubt to wonder whether spending the odd four million was safe, or a trap.

Checking

Shopkeepers and private citizens joined restfully in the hunt, checking the numbers against the contents of their wallets and tills. Electronic computers worked into the night to classify the publicised numbers in numerical order.

The intense police probe into everyone connected with the Peugeot family and the golf course at suburban Saint Cloud, where Eric was kidnapped last Tuesday, continued today without any major clue emerging.

Superintendent Andre Pierangeli, head of the crack Mobile Police Brigade, who is in charge of the investigation, told reporters at mid-day: "Unfortunately there is nothing new. We are going home to lunch."

Point of honour

Police have made it a point of honour to trace the kidnappers, fearing that if they are allowed to escape with the ransom there may be a new outbreak of kidnapping in France, where only two other major cases have been known in the past 25 years.

Descriptions of the man who kidnapped Eric from the children's playground at the golf course, a man who drove them away in a black Peugeot car, and of a woman in a grey overcoat seen by a garage attendant to abandon a small child in the street shortly before Eric was found are too vague to give much help in the nationwide hunt now in progress.—AFP and China Mail Special.

STAR WALKS OUT

Hollywood, Apr. 18.

Screen star Debra Paget, who divorced her first husband after two months of marriage, separated from her second spouse 19 days after their wedding, it was announced today.

The red-haired glamour girl, married to movie director Budd Boetticher on March 28, returned to live with her mother last Thursday, the mother, Margaret Griffen told United Press International.

"I hope it's just a temporary separation," Mrs Griffen said.

"She moved out of their apartment after a quarrel, but I don't know when she will return. Debra has to leave for Mexico on Saturday to start a new movie—'The Most Dangerous Man Alive.'"

It was in Tijuana, Mexico, that the 27-year-old actress and Boetticher were married last month.

Miss Paget was the fifth wife of actor David Street, whom she married on January 14, 1958. They were divorced on April 11, 1958, when the actress filed suit in Juarez, Mexico.

Boetticher had been married twice previously.—UPI.

Germans' Easter flight

Berlin, Apr. 18.

Over 4,000 East Germans took advantage of the Easter holiday traffic confusion to flee over the border into West Germany and ask for asylum.

The West Berlin refugee reception centres were tonight completely crowded out after the four-day holiday.

Most of the refugees were agricultural workers and their families who had lost their jobs as a result of "Socialisation" measures.

There were also numbers of artisans and shopkeepers who feared that their livelihood was threatened by the possibility of similar measures.

The West Berlin authorities were tonight taking emergency measures to provide accommodation for the mass influx.—AFP.

Tao Meng-ho dies at 73

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

Tao Meng-ho, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of China, died here yesterday at the age of 73, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

The agency said Tao suffered from acute postero-infarction.

He was a delegate to the National People's Congress and standing committee member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

The agency added that a funeral committee had been set up, members of which included Premier Chou En-lai and Vice-Premier Kuo Mo-jo.—Reuter.

Another Chessman appeal

Washington, Apr. 18.

Kidnapper - rapist Caryl Chessman's lawyer today made a dramatic new attempt to save Chessman, alleging he had recently been "snatched from the very vapours of the gas chamber" for political reasons, only to be "returned to the cyanide pellet" now the emergency was over.

Mr A. L. Wirin, appealing to the United States Supreme Court against the execution, now set for May 2, lashed out at the circumstances in which Chessman, for 12 years a prisoner in San Quentin prison's "Death Row", was last granted a stay of execution.

He declared: "The petitioner was snatched from the very vapour of the gas chamber so that persons in South America would have no excuse for demonstrating against or harming President Eisenhower on his forthcoming trip there, and now that the President has returned, petitioner is to be returned to the cyanide pellet."—AFP.

SMALLEST MEMBER OF 'BAN THE BOMB' RALLY

One-year-old Stephen carried in 'papoose' fashion by his mother joins one of the biggest anti-H-Bomb demonstrations to be held in Britain. Between 12,000 and 15,000 marched onto Trafalgar Square in a 'Ban the bomb' protest yesterday.—UPI Photo.

HUNGER MARCH PROTEST TO WASHINGTON

Providence, R.I., Apr. 18.

A Salem, Massachusetts, leather worker trudged toward Washington today on a hunger march protesting against United States negotiations with Russia.

Joseph Miot-Mroz, 39, carried a placard which said on one side: "Stop Communism today. It may be too late tomorrow." On the other side it said: "Demand freedom for Poland and captive countries."

His march began yesterday in Boston.

Miot-Mroz is head of a Polish Freedom Fighters group here and has been a frequent demonstrator against any dealing with Communists.

He said he hoped to arrive in Washington before May 16 when President Eisenhower is scheduled to leave for the summit conference in Paris.

He said he would neither eat nor drink during the long march and would continue his hunger strike in Washington "until I can convince the President and Congress that co-existence between Russia and the free world is a fallacy.—UPI.

Union victory

Washington, Apr. 18.

The Supreme Court ruled today that Federal district courts cannot bar a union from peacefully picketing a foreign ship to protest against low wages.

The decision was a victory for maritime unions which want to force registration under the U.S. flag of foreign vessels owned by a U.S. company. The vote in the court was eight to one.—UPI.

Missile failure

Cape Canaveral, Apr. 18.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to launch a "Polaris" missile from a United States warship on the high seas today, it was announced here.

The announcement said the second stage of the missile failed to fuction.—AFP.

Beverly's mother charged

Hollywood, Apr. 18.

The platinum-haired mother of teenage Beverly Aadland today was arraigned on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of her daughter and ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing on April 25.

Superior Judge John G. Barnes set the hearing date for Mrs Florence Aadland, 53 by police records but 40 by her own claim, when she appeared in court wearing a gaily flowered dress. She was permitted to continue at liberty on $1,050 bail.

A three-week delay was sought by Mrs Aadland's lawyer, Harry Rabwin, so that he could familiarise himself with the case. Judge Barnes suggested the request be made to a juvenile court.

Beverly Aadland, 17-year-old playmate of the late actor Errol Flynn, was visited in the Juvenile Hall on Sunday by her mother who carried an Easter basket gift. They had a talk about things judicial.—UPI.

High Chinese TB rate

San Francisco, Apr. 18.

Health authorities report that tuberculosis among San Francisco's Chinese increased 14.034 per cent last year, with the rate now 103.6 compared to 49.3 among Caucasians.

Dr George Furg, head of the annual Chinatown X-ray programme for the San Francisco Tuberculosis Association, said that 40 per cent of the cases covered in 1959 were in the minimal stage and relatively easy to treat.—UPI.

Self-service

Lisbon, Apr. 18.

Thieves who broke into a grocery store in nearby Oreiras over the weekend found the till empty, but banqueted instead. They set up a table in the middle of the store, used paper for a table cloth and feasted on ham, tinned meats, fruit and vegetables, washing it all down with several bottles of wine.—UPI.

Its no longer 'anything goes' in Tangier city

Tangier, Apr. 18.

This one-time international city—long famed as the mecca of tax evaders, money changers, smugglers and spies—tomorrow becomes respectable, and like any other city in Morocco.

From tomorrow, the citizens will pay tax, visitors will pay customs and the old atmosphere of "anything goes" will be ended.

After independence, the Moroccan Government drew up a Royal Charter for Tangier, maintaining virtually all the old privileges — but one clause in the charter provided that it could come to an end with six months' notice.

UNTENABLE

When the Moroccan franc was devalued last year the tax-free, free-exchange position of Tangier became untenable and on October 19 the Government gave the six months notice that the special charter would expire. Already nearly half of the 50 banks in the city have closed.

(Tangier, once British territory, became the hub of an international zone by a convention, signed by Britain, France and Spain in 1923 which became effective in 1925 and was later adhered to by other European nations. It was occupied by Spain during world war II).—Reuter.

Farm strike

Rome, Apr. 19.

Two million Italian tenant farmers are to start a general strike at dawn today in support of demands for several major modifications in the national collective contract governing their work. The strike is to last until April 30.

One of their requests is that they be granted at least 53 per cent of the agricultural produce they harvest.

The strike order was given by all the unions.—AFP.

Maidstone, Apr. 18.

A pet shop here is advertising ment-scented nylon bones.—UPI.

BALANCED BEER ON BOSOM

Des Moines, Apr. 18.

The City Council today turned thumbs down on the "mugs-up girl," a barmaid who used to balance beer on her bosom.

Ruth Williams, who in her heyday could prance to a jukebox tune with four glasses of beer on her bosom, was denied a dispenser's license in her attempt to get back into the bar business.

Council members listened to a reading of "Ruthie's" past record and rejected her application without comment.

She had received nationwide attention for her unusual ability and there was plenty of background for the Council to think about.

At the peak of Miss Williams' busty career, patrons flocked in droves to Ruthie's tavern to watch her do the balancing act. She was never known to have spilled a drop of beer.—UPI.

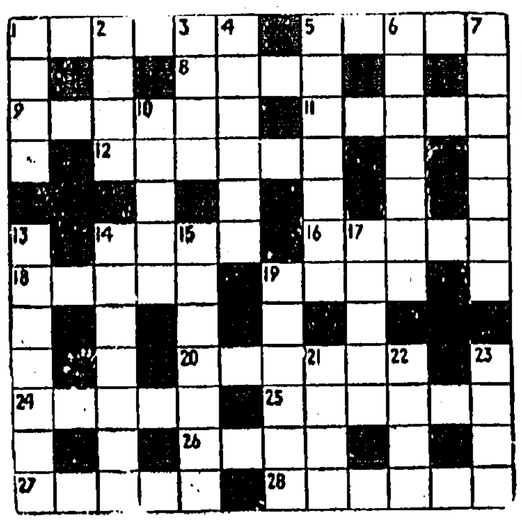
Open season

Santa Barbara, Apr. 18.

Burglars were advised today to stop breaking into a sporting goods store in nearby Goleta.

Sheriff's deputies said that despite their warnings about safety, the store owner rigged a double-barrelled shotgun to blast at a rear window if it were tampered with.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Water holder (6).
5 For wear at the firemen's ball? (5).
8 She's just out of goal (4).
9 A frigid hanger-on (6).
11 Mackerel bait? (5).
12 Bony cavity of a quiet singer (6).
14 Put your name down (4).
16 Where it all took place (5).
18 Some soup is (5).
19 Shipping menace (4).
20 Countryman in town (6).
24 Niagara? (5).
25 Happy conclusion? (6).
26 Certain times (4).
27 Treated (5).
28 First pin? (6).

DOWN

1 Join together (4).
2 Excursion in the fall? (4).
3 Lounge (4).
4 Time for soccer (6).
5 Hardly the voice of resistance (7).
6 It's always spent by noon (7).
7 Seats placed on driving areas (7).
10 Alice's alias? (6).
13 Took the mickey? (7).
14 Comes down and pays up (7).
15 Made into a lawn? (7).
17 Transgressed (5).
19 North wind personified (6).
21 Entertaining combination of letters (4).
22 It's served in prison (4).
23 Lie a little duck? (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Romps, 4 Kendal, 8 Bis-hop, 10 Raven, 12 Orange, 14 Par-snip, 17 Erse, 19 Mounted, 20 Martial, 22 Abet, 23 Tonsils, 27 Allege, 29 Rodeo, 30 Yankee, 31 Duress, 32 Sedan. **Down:** 1 Rub up, 2 M-is-er, 3 Spoon, 5 Earn, 6 Divert, 7 Lanced, 9 Primate, 11 Agents, 13 A-polo-gy, 15 Arab, 16 Settle, 18 Seal, 20 Mar-red, 21 Reader, 24 Nears, 25 Inked, 26 Stern, 28 Logs.

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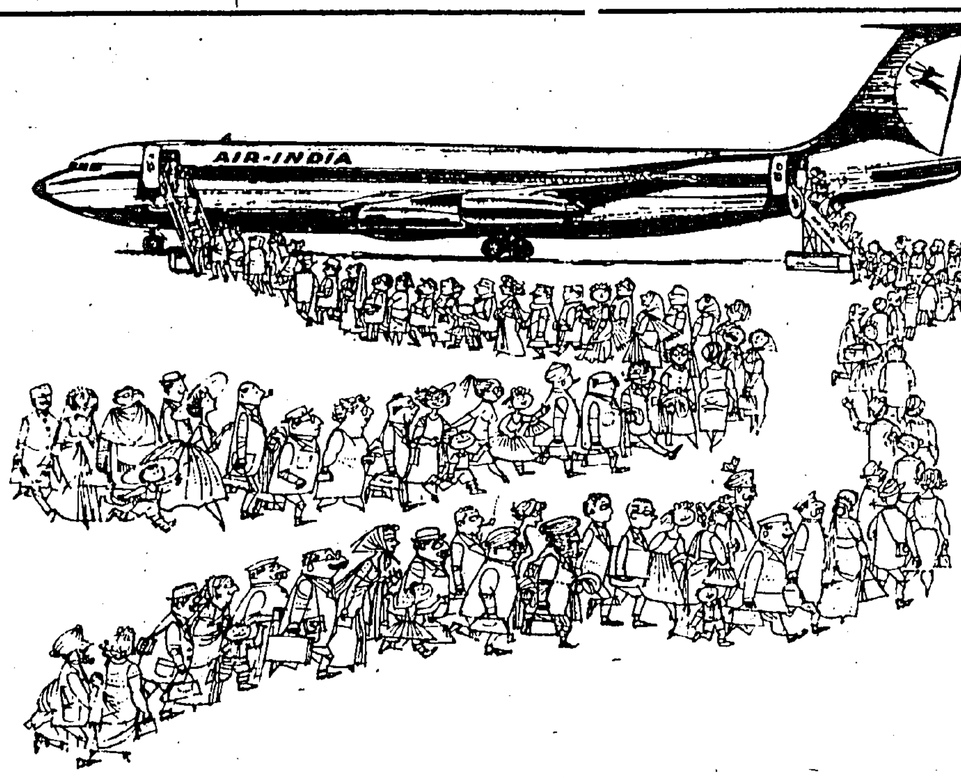

A fine time to have laryngitis!

I am speechless! Today of all days—when I want to talk and talk and talk about my beautiful wonder-ship, about my inaugural Boeing service, which leaves Bombay tonight for London.
And here I am—confined to silence by my Doctor.
(I'm told, six other airlines give him a retainer!)

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The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Thursday, 21st April, 1960 (The Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen).

Hong Kong, 19th April, 1960.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs Paulsen & Beyes-Davy, Ltd. at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on April 22 and 23, 1960 and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Hongkong, 19th April, 1960

Smog-suppressors needed for seven million cars

THE smog-haze that screens the sun over the sprawling city of Los Angeles was abolished by law recently. What has still to be settled is how to abolish it in fact. For the smog, say the experts, is caused by the exhausts of California's 7 million-plus motor vehicles.

The solution, of course, is—smog-suppressors on every car.

The trouble is that nobody has yet invented a suppressor that combines the three essential qualities of cheapness, smallness, and efficiency.

Detroit, America's car-making centre, has long opposed any move to make smog-suppressors compulsory. But now it will have to get working on some sort of device for California is its best market in America.

The State Government recognises the difficulty and says the new law will not come into effect until at least two efficient smog-suppressors have been tested and approved.

But already it is predicted: "Los Angeles will be free of smog within five years."

Nobody can be sure what the suppressors will cost, but on the basis of present experiments they are expected to add £35 to £50 on to the price of a car.

Peter Chambers

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LUXURIOUS kennels, to be built by the Government at a cost of 2,000,000 dollars (£715,000), has put it in the dog-house. The hygienic, air-conditioned buildings will house 750 dogs needed for medical research.

But Senator Gordon Allott has worked it out that the new dog-accommodations will cost more than £10 a square foot—twice as much as the cost of a modern office building.

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HYPNOTIST Albert Herman approached a pretty 20-year-old New York girl and said: "Let's get married."

She said "Yes"—but the marriage lasted only two days. And the tricky legal question arose: Did Albert put Iris Lashin under the "influence" before he popped the question?

The 33-year-old hypnotist strenuously denied it in court the other day and accused Iris's parents of taking her to another hypnotist, who turned her against him. The judge threw up his hands and dismissed the case.

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PARKING is no problem to Louis Richards, a Chicago student, who has invented the world's smallest powered scooter.

It runs on roller-skate wheels: you stand on it and steer it with a stick—just like a child's scooter.

A tiny petrol engine gives the scooter a speed of 12 miles an hour and when you arrive at the office you collapse the whole thing into a neat canvas carrier bag.

Total weight: 12lb. Cost of prototype: 70 dollars (£25).

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ISN'T IT wonderful when justice triumphs and officious, overweening authority is defeated by the ordinary fellow? Here's an example. "Shuffling Sam," a 47-year-old Negro, was arrested by police at Louisville, Kentucky, and ordered to pay a fine of £7 for "loitering and disorderly conduct."

What was Sam Thompson doing? He was hanging around the Liberty End Cafe "shuffling" to the music of the juke-box. He had had a beer and a dish of macaroni, he said.

The cafe-owner said "Shuffling Sam" was welcome.

But the police arrested him.

They have arrested him more than 50 times in the past year or so. Sam, a Negro, once had the cheek to employ a lawyer in his defence.

This lawyer has done big things for Sam. He took the "shuffling" case to the Supreme Court and the learned judges said: "Case dismissed for lack of evidence."

They couldn't say, "Go free, Sam." Because Sam, as it happens, is back in jail again.

He is facing four new charges. Does this, somehow, give you the feeling that the Louisville police have it in for Sam?

They had better be careful, for the Supreme Court is watching.

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"YOU'RE half a pound overweight," an airline passenger was told when his luggage was weighed at Atlanta Airport. The passenger shrugged, opened his suitcase, took out a 2ft.-long salami, cut half a pound off and ate it before boarding the airplane.

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AN ASTONISHED 14-year-old New York schoolgirl, Gail Bartley, has received a letter which ends: "I wish you a very good luck, (signed) N. Krushchev."

Yes, it was from Mr Krushchev in Moscow.

Senior girls were asked to write to world leaders for greetings messages for the school year book.

They wrote to Mr Eisenhower, Mr Macmillan, Mr Nehru, Dr Schweitzer, Mr Ben-Gurion, and others.

"I was amazed," said Gail Bartley, who had the job of writing to Mr K. Hers was the only letter that got a reply.

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GEORGE ORWELL'S "1984," the book that brought the term "Big Brother" into the language, has been withdrawn from all high school libraries in Miami because some parents complained it had "off-colour passages."

Mr Wilfred Rice, principal of the North Miami high school, went through the book and decided this was true.

He alerted all the other "Big Brothers"—the head masters of Miami high schools — who promptly ordered the book off the library shelves.

At the same time they withdrew another famous novel about the future of civilisation—Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World."

This was published in 1932 but it takes the South a long time to get around to doing anything about anything.

Both Mr Huxley and Mr Orwell were banned on the same count: obscenity.

Author Philip Wylie is leading a protest against the "Big Brother" school masters.

"For the sake of consistency," he said, "I am asking them to withdraw the Holy Bible because of the obscene passages in it."

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The 36-year-old redhead was previously married to Tom Lane, an interior decorator, and Beverly Hills surgeon Lou Morrill.

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A GIRL caught looting a petrol station till in New Jersey admitted she had robbed six shops of more than 1,000 dollars (£570) in the past month. She spent most of the money taking her 13-year-old sister to New York for nights out. The bandit's age: 11.

MARLENE DIETRICH went to the aid of an old friend recently—Josef von Sternberg, the film director accredited with discovering her 31 years ago.

Miss Dietrich (pictured here) visited an attorney's office to give a deposition in von Sternberg's 1,000,000 - dollar (£375,000) action against 20th Century-Fox.

He is asking for the money because he claims the studio's 1950 version of the film "The Blue Angel" was based on his 1929 version made in Germany and starring Miss Dietrich.

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A FORTUNE has gone down the drain on Broadway since January 1, as one show after another falls.

The unlucky 13th play to flop this year is "Caligula," an intellectual melodrama by the late Albert Camus.

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A VERY funny thing happened in the New York subway the other night. They actually started to clean it. New Yorkers gaped in amazement. Two million of them travel these 133 miles of tunnels every day, and nobody recalls seeing anybody doing anything so revolutionary as trying to clean up this grimy sub-metropolis.

Once a day, a lackadaisical attendant goes around picking up paper that has been dropped on the platform.

But real cleaning! This was a shock.

The new mobile machine blasts the station and tunnel walls with a mixture of superheated steam and detergent. When it gets properly under way it will clean one and a half miles a night.

Subway officials proudly showed off their super-cleaner at work in a Brooklyn station, which has not had a wash for about 50 years.

The experiment proved mildly disastrous. Grime and soot vanished off the tiled walls under the high-powered jets of steam—then the tiles started to vanish too.

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JAMES MASON has grown a moustache. **"After 14 years living in America, I have become more and more British," he said. "I like my moustache. I like my tea strong."**

Film actress Rhonda Fleming flew from Hollywood to Las Vegas the other day to marry Lang Jeffries, a TV actor.

He is husband No. 3 for Rhonda, whose cover picture on a high school magazine took her straight from the classroom to Hollywood fame.

• BY THE • WAY

by Beachcomber

THE Market Research Society has condemned the use of hypnosis as unethical. The wizards who put people into a trance in order to ascertain which detergent they prefer, must now stick to the old method of honest badgering.

It is said that one hypnotist, working for Snibbo, terrified a woman by threatening to turn her into a sheep, and got an order for 70 packets of Zuff, the only lightning remover of beer stains from hats. At Runcorn a traveller in fish-sausages had the bad luck to come up against an amateur hypnotist. The result was a dead-heat and no sale.

Fortiter in modo

SINCE it is possible that the British base on the island of Cophyta may never serve any useful purpose, a Commission is to be appointed to consider cutting down the eight square miles demanded to seven. Its terms of reference will exclude any discussion of the reduction of the eight square miles to seven. An interim report should be ready by July 1962, and is expected to recommend the retention of the eight square miles.

The Old Trail (4)

"INJUNS!" cried the sentry at the look-out post. "What else did you expect?" sneered a hard and often bitten corporal. As he spoke thousands of Indians galloped up, shrieking shrilly. No surprise the defenders. A deadly volley from the 31 muskets tore the advancing mass to tatters. Before the men could reload, 1,734 braves lay dead. The rest retreated behind a hill. "They will come again," said the wise old colonel. As he spoke Gary Matteck crept into the fort by the tradesmen's entrance. "You are wounded," cried Molassie, noticing the blood welling from gashes on his head, arms, legs, chest, back, elbes, knees, and face. "It's only a scratch," he said in a husky voice, "er, maybe, two."

—(London Express Service).

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Vietnam, Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.—Exodus 20:8.

The human machine desperately needs a complete change of attitude and pace once a week. To think of unseen eternal things. To review our course and reorient ourselves.

Press-Radio Bible Service, Inc Cincinnati, Ohio.

Malayan newsletter from Gordon Hung

NEW LAW IS SOUGHT TO COPE WITH END OF THE EMERGENCY

Kuala Lumpur (By Airmail).

After 12 years the end of the fight against the Malayan Communist terrorists is in sight, but although the shooting war is expected to be over by the latest next year, the Government still has to take steps against the threat of Communist subversion in the state.

After the Emergency Regulations are repealed there is no law under the Constitution providing for preventive detention unless a state of emergency exists or is threatened.

Now the Alliance Government seeks to change the Constitution so that parliament should be empowered to pass legislation under which a person can be detained up to two years on the order of a minister.

The various streams of public opinion have given their backing to the move but they all warn the Government to implement its new proposed power with the "utmost care."

Discretion, they said, had to be exercised in implementing the new law so that the innocent would not be blamed.

One minor political party has described the proposals as a "shameless and sinister move to destroy democracy in Malaya."

The other Opposition political parties still have to meet on the new proposals.

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The capital's traffic police are soon to be equipped with radar devices to catch speeding motorists.

Four radar speed detectors have been ordered from the United States as part of the capital's police campaign to attack the accident and speeding problems.

Since their "Drive with Safety" campaign in 1957, the accident rate has dropped.

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The Synod of the diocese of Singapore and Malaya, official governing body of the Anglican Church in Southeast Asia, has approved a move to translate the Lord's Prayer into Malay.

The Synod, which is being attended by 100 clergymen and lay representatives from Southeast Asia including Hongkong, is also working on whether it will be possible to use a common prayer book in both Malaya and Indonesia.

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Blood banks through the Federation have always suffered from a shortage of blood donors and have on occasions made urgent appeals to the public to boost their depleted stocks.

Now the Government has stepped in and will assume responsibility for operating blood banks throughout the country, but with the assistance of voluntary organisations.

The aim is to have a central plan and a common policy for all the blood banks.

Government will also embark upon a systematic publicity campaign in an endeavour to rid the general public of their reluctance to donating blood.

The new move will also cut down the growing number of mercenary donors because of the limited supplies in blood banks. The present rate for blood by these donors is HK$80 a pint.

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More people from the rural areas in the country are now going to hospitals and clinics for medical treatment.

This is the result of the efforts of the Health Ministry to educate rural people in the use of modern medicine.

A ministry spokesman conceded that still quite a number of the rural people went to bomohs (Malay medicine men) for treatment, but he said their education drive was paying dividends.

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Former Malayan members of the Japanese Imperial forces in Malaya during the last world war are appealing to to the Federation Government to be recognised as ex-servicemen.

As such they claim they should be treated equally with members of the Ex-Servicemen's Association and be entitled to contributions from the Poppy Day funds each year.

Their spokesman said that there should be "no discrimination" between those armed forces serving with the Japanese and those who served with the British administration before independence.

"Malayans who served with the Japanese Army in Malaya during the occupation should also be treated as Malayan warriors," he said.

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Spirits or Peeping-Toms? That is what courting couples in King George V Park in Singapore are worried about.

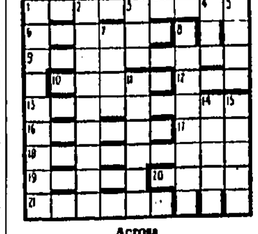
A number of couples, who have been walking in the park after sundown, have been pelted with stones that seem to "fly over" a six-foot "devil wall."

Many believe this to be the work of a poltergeist, but two men who sleep in the park every night say that the "devils" are nothing more than peeping-toms.

Most of them are teenagers who hid on tree-tops and in bushes said one of the park sleepers.

But whether the stones are thrown by humans or not, couples are now taking their walks in other parks after sundown.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Subject of many improbable stories. (6, 8)
6 Plane shelter. (6)
9 Shower. (9)
10. Fishing vessel. (5)
12 Submerge. (3)
13. Shelter for craft (9)
16. Roll to an enemy. (6)
17. Easy-going (8)
18 Wipe out (9)
19. Apartments (5)
20 Top player (4)
21. There, in the distance. (6)

Down
1. Garden of bushes. (9)
2 Movement. (9)
3 Piped fuel (5)
4. Sweep. (8)
5 Umbrella (4)
7. Insect. (4)
8. Tune. (8)
11. A chair in France. (6)
14. The devil (5)
15. Use muscles. (6)

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Yesterday's solution

London Express Service.

TARGET

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How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 26 words, good; 31 words, very good; 39 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

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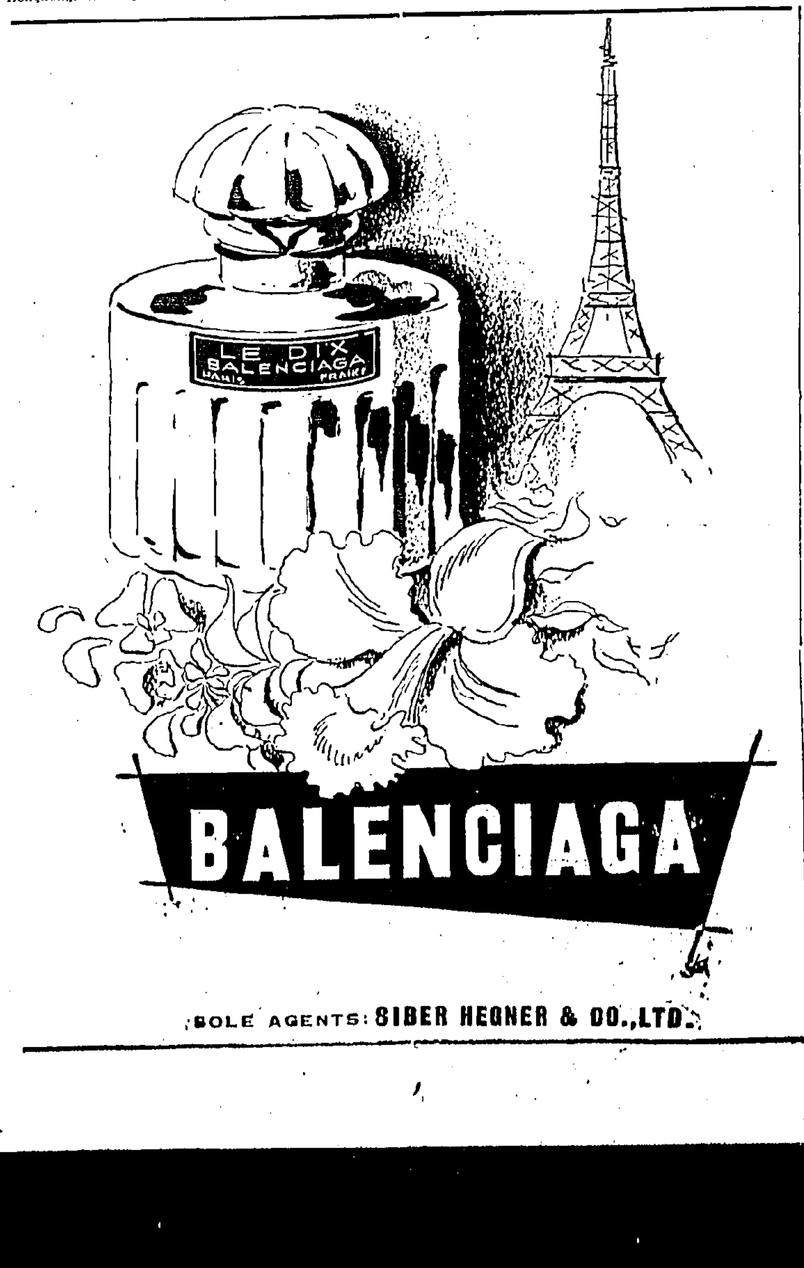

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RADIO HONGKONG
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5.30 p.m., For The Very Young — compiled by Mavis; 5.45, Listen and Teach No. 10—"Final Summing Up"; 6, La Demi Heure Francaise; 6.30, The Archers; 6.45, From The Weeklies; 7, Lucky Dip—presented by Mary; 7.55, Weather; 8, Time Signal, News; 8.10, Commentary; 8.15, Life With The Lyons—"The Colonel's Dilemma"; 8.45, Letter from America—by Alistair Cooke; 9, Operation Rescue—Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts at Tai Lam Prison—by Victor Price; 9.30, Recitals from the Orchestra—Terence MacDonagh (Oboe) accompanied by Ernest Lush (piano); 9.45, Popular Arias—"Aleko"—in the midst of memory (The Old Gipsy's Story) (Rachmaninov); "Russian and Ludmilla" (Glinka); 9.55, Weather; 10, Time Signal, News and Home News from Britain; 10.15, Strike Along with Bill; 10.50, Weather; 11, Time Signal, Radio Newsreel; 11.10, And So To Bed; 11.30, Close Down.

COMMERCIAL RADIO
(196 m. 1530 k.c.)

2 p.m., Composer Of The Day — Mendelssohn (Songs Without Words); 2.30, Background; 2.15, For The Ladies presented by Moyna Townsend; 4, Weather; 4.01, What Am I Here For? Asks Nick Demuth; 4.30, Children's Corner; 5, That Latin Beat; 5.30, Grace Moore; 5.40, Billy May Does The Cha-cha; 6, Stock Exchange Closing Rates, Airline schedules; 6.04 approx, Jazz Behind The Dykes; 6.30, Popular Classics—Boston Pops; 7, Glenn Miller; 7.15, Martini Time; 7.30, Hi Fi Club—presented by Nick Kendall; 8, News; Weather; 8.15, Music From The Philippines; 8.30, Carter Brown Mystery Theatre—Episode 10, Party I—"Finale For A Floozie"; 9, The Sleepy Dean; 9.15, Radio Report—produced by John Wallace; 9.30, The Great Gershwins; 10, News, Weather; 10.15, "Alias The Baron"; 10.30, Bob Williams In Top Hat; 11, Radio Newsreel, Weather; 11.15, Late Night Symphony, including La Peri by Dukas; 12, Weather. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls The Tune; 3, Musical Matinee—"Sinfonia Concertante For Two Violins, Oboe And Orchestra" by Johann Christian Bach; "Symphony No. 1 In D" and "Symphony No. 3 In C" by Carl Philipp Emmanuel Bach, played By Vienna Symphony Orchestra; 4, Teatime Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours; 4.45, Lone Star Lanigan; 5, Children's Corner—Presented By Auntie Sally; 5.30, Progressive Jazz —Presented By Ray Cordeiro; 6, Torch Tones; 6.30, Birthday Mailbag; 6.50, The Archers; 6.45, Ditty Box; 7, Personality Parade—Roger Williams; 7.15, Show Case — Audrey Hepburn And Fred Astaire In "Funny Face"; 7.45, Here Comes O'Malley; 8, Time Signal And News; 8.00, Weather, Announcements And Interlude; 8.15, Rhythm Rendezvous —Patti Page And Ray Anthony's Orchestra; 8.30, Stars On Wings; 9, Mystery Is My Hobby; 9.30, Phil Spitalny And His All-Girl Orchestra; 10, Late Date With Ron Ross; 11, Stop Press; 11.05, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude To Midnight; 12 Midnight. Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Hour—"Hopalong Cassidy"; 6.25, Cartoons; 6.35, "Ivanhoe"; 6, Close Down. 7.30, "Kingdom Of The Sea" Episode 10— "The Beachcombers"; 7.55, Recital By Arrigo Foa (Violin) And Ely Alves (Viola), Accompanied By Moya Rea At The Piano; 8.10, "Highway Patrol"; 8.35, "Oh Suanna"—Gale Storm and Zasu Pitts In "Alp, Alp"; 9, Newsreel; 9.15, Sport Time; 9.45, Chinese Calling Card—Introduced By Peter Pun; 10, "New York Confidential"; 10.25, "Janet Dean - Registered Nurse"; 10.50, Late Night Final: Close Down.

FILMS

KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Five Pennies", starring Danny Kaye, Barbara Bel Geddes, and Louis Armstrong.
HOOVER & GALA: "Please Don't Eat The Daisies", starring Doris Day and David Niven.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "Can-Can," starring Frank Sinatra, Shirley MacLaine, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan.
LEE & ASTOR: "The Royal Ballet", starring Margot Fonteyn.
STATE & ROYAL: "The FBI Story", starring James Stewart and Vera Miles.
RITZ: "The Vikings", starring Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis and Ernest Borgnine.
ORIENTAL: "Never So Few," starring Frank Sinatra and Gina Lolobrigida.
MAJESTIC: "A Summer Place", starring Richard Egan and Dorothy McGuire.
CAPITOL: "Yagyu Secret Scrolls". (Japanese film with English subtitles).
STAR: "Temptation." (Japanese film with English sub-titles).
PARAMOUNT: "Goliath And The Barbarians," starring Steve Reeves and Chelo Alonso (Added: "A Million Lights Shall Glow" travel film on Hongkong).
METROPOLE: "Love Du Jour", (Japanese film dubbed in Mandarin, with English sub-titles).

NIGHT SPOTS

PARAMOUNT: "Les Girls Revue," and music by Giancarlo and his Italian combo. Cocktail Lounge, introducing Cino Fallavicini.
CARLTON: Ben Conti and His Combo.
GOLDEN PHOENIX: Ken Noyle and Betty Maruyama.
HOTEL MIRAMAR: Sef Faller and His Quartet with Miss Chau Ping.
SUN YAT: Music by Ollie Dellne and his band. Vocal by Denny.
BLUE HEAVEN: Rita Ravell, the "Latin Temptress," and the Kong Sisters.
HIGHBALL: Rita Ravell, the "Latin Temptress," and the Kong Sisters.
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Mystery killing of rich widow

Plymouth, Apr. 19.

A coronor said he was as mystified as the police about the death of a wealthy 71-year-old widow, Mrs Eva Booth, whose body was found in a locked cupboard in her home here in January.

"The facts of this case could be more difficult or more intricately designed if they had been the pieces in some detective story puzzle," he told an inquest jury.

MURDER

"Inquiries have proceeded so far on the assumption that it is murder—but it might not be."

He said it was absolutely impossible to direct the jury as to whether it was murder, manslaughter or anything else.

On the evidence of the many contradictory and inconsistent statements made by various witnesses any charge against any particular person would not stand up for five minutes.

VERDICT

She had probably died through pressure on the mouth and nose which might have caused suffocation.

She also had many minor injuries, but it was difficult to establish the time of death because she had been dead for so long when found and the cupboard might for a time have been heated.

Nothing had apparently been stolen.

The jury returned a verdict of murder by some person or persons unknown.—China Mail Special.

SHORTER HAIR FOR MARGARET?

London, Apr. 18.

Princess Margaret's wedding hairstyle will probably be in the latest shorter fashion, Mr J. McLaren Thomson, President of the National Hairdressers Federation, predicted today.

Mr Thomson, who was addressing the Federation's annual meeting and conference, emphasised that this was an "off-the-cuff guess."

He said: "Her wedding day hairstyle is, of course, a secret shared by her and her hairdresser.

"But my off-the-cuff guess is that she will wear the latest shorter hairstyle fashion to frame her face and perhaps to match a headdress that will give her added height."

Mr Thomson added that during the past few years, the Princess had led world hairstyling fashion and had been an "ambassadress of British hairstyling."—Reuter.

300 years of gowns mark Royal wedding

London, Apr. 18.

Three Royal wedding dresses went on display at the London museum today in honour of Princess Margaret's coming wedding to Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones.

They are part of a show of wedding gowns dating back 300 years, to be on view until the Royal Wedding on May 6.

The oldest is Princess Charlottes 1816 wedding dress which is of silver tissue with a long train.

Queen Victoria's bridal gown contains a deep collar of Honiton lace which lacemakers throughout Britain competed to make.

Alongside the gown is a white satin wedding bonnet which she wore on her drive back to Buckingham Palace in 1840.

The dress which Queen Mary, grandmother of Princess Margaret, wore at her wedding in 1893 is of white satin brocade trimmed with orange blossoms.

Princess Margaret's wedding gown, and the dresses of her eight bridesmaids, are being made under conditions of great secrecy by couturier Norman Hartnell.—Reuter.

S. Africa tour

London, Apr. 18.

The Royal Scottish country dance society will continue, despite earlier misgivings, with a scheduled tour of South Africa beginning on April 27.—AP.

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Was a great day for the Welsh

Breconshiro, Apr. 18.

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The object of their enthusiasm: The Nelson Inn, a "pub" 18 yards away but safely across the border in England.

Wales prohibits the opening of "pubs"—public houses—on Sunday and local officials long ago brought pressure to close The Nelson Inn because of its proximity.

WELSH LAW

Salvation Army bands also played outside the pub during hours and petitioners passed out literature to customers leaving the pub.

The lady—known hereabouts as "Widow" Evans—gave in to pressure and agreed to close the pub on Sundays to conform with Welsh laws.

Since then, officials on both sides of the border have worked long and hard to have it reopened on the Sabbath.

SURPRISE

The licensee Mr Tom Williams a former police sergeant said he had fought to renew the Sunday licence himself for 10 years only to have it opposed at every turn by police, the churches, and temperance officials.

But this year, to everyone's surprise, he said, no one challenged the license and he was allowed to open.—China Mail Special.

Drug ring

Teheran, Apr. 18.

Persian Police have smashed an international band of drug smugglers and have seized £250,000 worth of narcotics. The gang comprising of two women and three men have been sought by Interpol for several months.

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SECTION OF AUSTRALIA FACED WITH DROUGHT

Melbourne, Apr. 18.

Eastern and Southern Australia would face drought this winter unless heavy rains were received within the next month, an Australian Weather Bureau spokesman said today.

Farmers and graziers throughout the Eastern states and South Australia were anxiously watching the skies for urgently-needed rain, he said.

All over South Australia, primary producers were preparing for drought.

The spokesman said that in the pastoral areas of north western New South Wales and the Darling Downs and Maranoa districts of Queensland, summer rains were far below average but coastal rains were good.

Western Australia had had good rains but could suffer if the generally dry conditions of Eastern Australia extended across the continent.

The position in the Northern Territory, he added, was similar to Western Australia.

In the northeast of Tasmania dry conditions were slightly affecting production and could worsen.—China Mail Special.

"Trying to kill myself"

San Francisco, Apr. 18.

An unidentified man carrying a New Zealand airline ticket, tried to commit suicide last Sunday when he jumped in front of a moving car and slashed his wrists with a bottle police said.

Asked by the driver of car whether he was trying to kill himself he replied "Yes I am."

Police said that his pockets contained travellers cheques worth (U.S.)$1,350 and $45 in cash.—UPI.

BEST MAN IS THEIR SON-IN-LAW

Perth, Apr. 18.

An Australian couple on a Middle East tour for United Nations, read in a newspaper that their son-in-law was to be best man for Anthony Armstrong-Jones and Princess Margaret.

George Ivan Smith and his wife were a bit reluctant to talk about it at Perth Airport today.

CORRECT

"Protocol, you know—they mightn't like it," Smith said.

But Smith, a top ranking official in UNO, admitted it was correct—his daughter Penelope, is the wife of Dr Roger Gilliatt, who will stand beside Tony Armstrong-Jones in Westminster Abbey on May 6.—China Mail Special.

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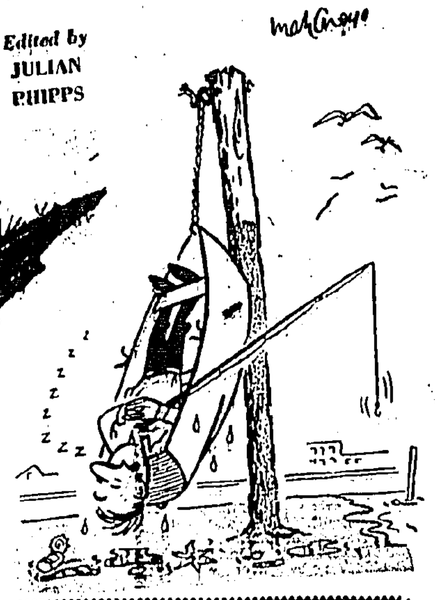

"Let's just take 'em, you can try 'em later!"

"You'll be a little lovelier each day ——!"

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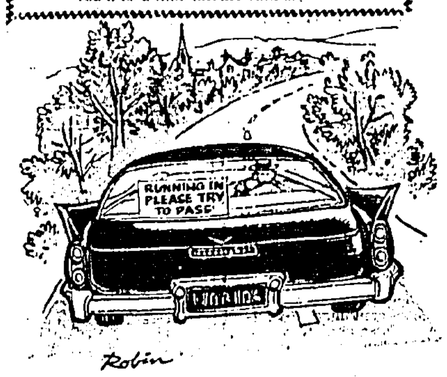

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TUESDAY PROFILE

For once the publicity men were right

London.

WHEN Hollywood's wordy publicity machine grabbed James Dayld Graham Niven and served him up as "sauve, gay, debonair, imperturbable and impeccable" it was, for once, telling the truth.

By Simon Kavanaugh

Niven is 50. He has a beautiful wife—his second. He has two growing boys and a magnificent home overlooking the Pacific. He was 1958's best screen actor (for his role in "Separate Tables"). And he is, at £30,000 a film and with an interest in a £9,000,000 television company, one of the fabulous city's wealthiest residents.

Now he has reached this lofty pinnacle, Niven can sip his gin and chuckle at the climb up. For that matter, it would make anyone chuckle.

Anglo-Saxon Type No. 2008 (as Niven was once listed on Hollywood's file of extras) was born on March 1 — St. David's Day — 1910. His mother's name. Lady Comyn-Platt, later made him, in the eyes of class-conscious Americans, an aristocrat. And his father's Scottish estate, comprising a large country house with footmen, butlers and gamekeepers, though long since gone, completed the picture.

Not idyllic

But life was not idyllic for the young David. William Niven, David's father, gambled heavily and lost, and the family moved to a ramshackle cottage on the Isle of Wight. When David wos four, his father was killed in action during the First World War. (The publicity machine's version: "Niven is the the son of General William G. Niven, famed Scottish war hero." In fact, William Niven was an undecorated subaltern).

When Niven was six, his mother remarried. He was a disobedient, if shy, boarding pupil at three schools in turn (he was expelled from the second), with dreams of becoming an admiral. But a disastrous examination paper—eight marks out of 300 for mathematics—put him out of the running for the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth.

Instead, Niven entered the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, was commissioned and, in May, 1933, sent to the Machine Gun School at Netheravon, near London. There, Niven's self-assurance first made itself evident.

One day, General Sir Hereward Wake gave a lecture. It was a warm August afternoon and the thoughts of Second-Lieutenant Niven were all with his girl-friend in London.

Broke

Then came question-time. One hand waved tiredly in the air. "Please, sir," asked Second - Lieutenant Niven, "could you tell me the time? I have a train to catch."

Niven was placed under close arrest, but, luckily, the officer detailed to guard him was a friend of his. One hour and a bottle of whisky later, the two men knotted several sheets together and, while the friend turned his back, Niven climbed out of the window.

It was a short descent. The guard-room was on the ground floor.

Having gone AWOL, Niven decided that the Army was not for him. He wired his commanding officer: "Dear Colonel, Request permission to resign commission. Love, Niven." Then he swapped his vintage Bentley for a ticket to Canada.

That was a mistake. Broke, often hungry, Niven scrounged an existence by copying, verbatim, five chapters of a book and selling them to a Canadian newspaper as his own work. Then he fled to New York.

But New York was no better. For a time, he occupied a room in a cheap hotel, but managed to keep up appearances—"for my own morale"—by strolling out of the back door of his own hotel, into the back door of the adjoining Waldorf, and out through the Waldorf's imposing foyer. Even the Waldorf's doorman was fooled.

About that time, Niven dreamed up the American Pony Express Racing Association. He got financial backing (one of the investors: the late Damon Runyan), hired the Atlantic City Municipal Auditorium, bought 100 ponies, and set himself up as an indoor pony-racing promoter.

He staged one show and Atlantic City mobsters saw to it that there was never a second.

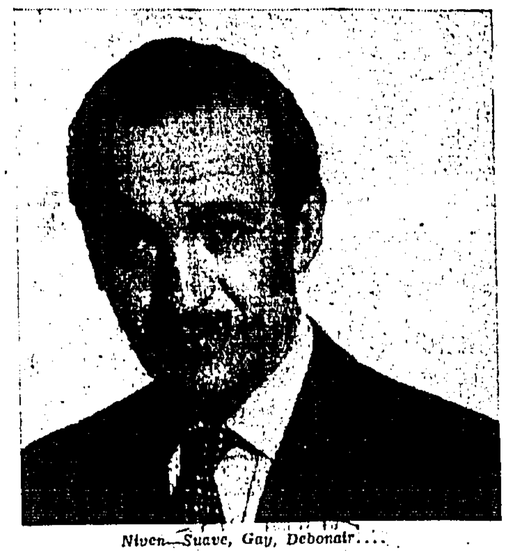
Niven turned up next in Bermuda—as the guest of a honeymooning couple. From there, he went to Havana where, after several inebrious days in Sloppy Joe's Bar, he staggered out and offered his services, as an expert machine-gunner, to a rebel movement.

Hangover

When the British Consul got wind of it, he ordered Niven to catch the next boat out of Cuba.

This took Niven to Panama, where he transferred to a San Francisco-bound liner. He landed in California with only the clothes he wore (a dinner suit), a seven-day U.S. visa and no money, and thumbed a ride on a fruit lorry to Santa Barbara, arriving there in time to see the British cruiser, H.M.S. Norfolk, drop anchor in the harbour.

Friends, thought Niven. He must have friends aboard. He did. When he awoke, with the painful legacy of an uproarious reunion party, he was at sea.



Niven—Suave, Gay, Debonair....

Niven's state of mind at that moment was not one that he cares to recall. Still in his dinner suit, he tottered on deck where, curiously, he was ignored. So he tottered down again, to sleep off his hangover.

When he was awakened by a steward who said, "Bounty on the starboard beam, sir," he must be dreaming. This suspicion hardened into certainty when he looked through the porthole and saw a fully rigged, old-time sailing ship alongside.

The parts

Though he didn't know it, this was Niven's introduction to the film world. The Bounty was quite real. Aboard were the actors and technicians who were making the film, "Mutiny on the Bounty." Niven was transferred to the Bounty and dropped off at San Pedro, the nearest port to Hollywood. There, after three hungry days, and still in his bedraggled dinner suit, he queued up for a screen test, on the advice of the acquaintances he made on the Bounty.

The director's face remained inscrutable during the risque story Niven chose for his test. But soon came on-off parts in minor films, usually as a cowboy or an Indian. Between studio jobs, he washed dishes in a Mexican restaurant and worked as a deckhand on a fishing smack.

At that time he was sharing a beach-hut with actor Errol Flynn. They called it "Cirrhosis-by-the-Sea."

Niven waited a long time for a real part. Then one day he was offered a seven-year contract by Samuel Goldwyn. He signed it, then rushed out and bought himself a new car on credit before the ink was dry. Unfortunately, he hadn't read the small print. Money for work, it said. The car went back the same day.

But the Goldwyn contract was a start. And Niven was never one to let an opportunity go by. He cultivated the right friends—among them Douglas Fairbanks, senior—played polo with Darryl Zanuck, and shared a steam-bath with Charlie Chaplin.

The parts followed, and each new film became a milestone on his road to stardom, culminating in his Oscar-winning performance in "Separate Tables."

The war

When war came in 1939, Niven was not content to make patriotic films. He blew his life-savings on a bang-up party and sailed to Britain amid a blaze of publicity (which embarrassed him then and still does when he remembers it). The R.A.F. rejected him, so he joined the Rifle Brigade and served in that, and in the Phantom Reconnaissance Regiment, for the next six years, winning the American Legion of Merit.

During the war Niven was introduced to a WAAF cypher officer named Primula Rollo, niece of the Marquis of Downshire. Ten days after their second meeting a year later, they were married. But, in 1940, Primula fell down the basement stairs of their Californian home, and was killed.

Niven was a long time recovering from this tragic blow. He developed a passion for work and became noted for his temperamental outbursts. It was during one of these, in 1948, that he met the beautiful Swedish ex-model, Hjordis Tersmeden.

One day, storming onto the set, he saw a woman sitting in his chair. "Throw her out!" he snapped. The woman turned and faced him apologetically. Ten days later, they were married.

Party-loving Niven lists his recreations as "country sports, swimming, underwater spearfishing and oil painting. He could also add practical joking. Once, he added six bottles of gin to an innocuous punch that had been prepared for a drinking scene. Filming ended early that day.

Today, Niven admits cheerfully that, although he has had his ups and downs, life in general has been "fun." After all, he says, living is like racing in the Grand National—"It's not who wins. It's getting around the course that counts."

IF THE WORLD GOES MAD AGAIN—WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

LONDON LETTER

By Sir Beverley Baxter, M.P.

IF from Chelsea in London you proceed eastwards you will come to that hallowed space which holds Westminster Abbey, St Margaret's Church and the Houses of Parliament. Quite rightly you will commune with past centuries and, when tired of being guided around the famous interiors, you can gaze at the Thames as it gurgles its comments on human frailty.

But on the North side of the Embankment you will now see something that seems odd in the midst of so much revered antiquity. I refer to a magnificent new modern building which, although not quite a skyscraper, is far more American than British in character.

This gleaming building has nothing to do with religion nor politics except as they say in quiz programmes, it is remotely concerned with the prolonging of life. In short this is the famous industrial company known as I.C.I. which, being translated, is "Imperial Chemical Industries."

Realistic

For years and years Sir Harry McGowan was its genially vigorous chairman and did much to advance its fortunes. But now he has reached the years of twilight and is a peer. Thus he can stand in their lordships' section of the Terrace of Westminster and gaze at M.P.'s or at the traffic of the river according to his fancy.

Now there are new men at the head of I.C.I. and I was pleased when the Chairman invited my wife and myself to visit their magnificent building and see the steps they have taken to deal with nuclear warfare if such a tragedy should be thrust upon us.

Being realistic, as well as romantic, the management of I.C.I. are convinced that the threat of atomic warfare should not be brushed aside as an old wives' nightmare. Nor do they intend to gamble on the Communist world and the Free world becoming brothers in sweet accord. Still further they will not venture on the assumption that neither side would use the bomb.

Would Hitler have hesitated to explode the atomic bomb (if one were available) when his armies were reeling back in the final stages of the fighting? He would have gloried in the fact that there were thousands of others who would die with him in the final scene.

Today the Governments of the U.S.A. and Great Britain are of one accord in relation to the atomic bomb. They believe that war is unlikely but they also believe that for once the civilised world should be armed as strongly as any potential enemy or group of enemies.

"Now", said our host at the I.C.I. headquarters, "we shall show you how we train the staff to deal with a threatened or actual atomic attack." We descended to the extensive shelters far beneath the building which have been modernised and improved since the last war.

With admirable modesty he started with an unrehearsed demonstration of internal telephone inter-communication. So that there should be the minimum of confusion the emergency telephones are shut in tiny bomb proof cells in the walls. Without any warning a company civil defence volunteer picked up a telephone and said in an appropriately hoarse voice: "Are you receiving? Over!" In fact the motto of I.C.I. is "Ready Aye Ready" no matter how peaceful be the immediate scene.

Just to allow for those who might panic or become confused in an emergency there is a big blackboard in the main corridor which, according to English fashion is probably known as the idiots' guide. The blackboard on that day, and presumably every day, gave the emergency allocations of personnel.

When they were showing us their fire pumps, which have to command immense power, I asked if they could be used in aid of adjoining buildings in an emergency. The answer was: "Certainly. If there is an atomic attack you won't find us slow to make friends with our neighbours." Obviously the reticence of the Englishman would be one of the first casualties of the strange new type of war.

The mighty amalgamation known as I.C.I. sprawls like a giant across the face of England which means that a nuclear attack could involve, in the case of this great company, no less than 110 factories and 130,000 workers. As in warfare, however, there is a divisional set-up with fully equipped fire stations. Incidentally these stations are available to the civil fire services. There is regular drill and instruction for those I.C.I. men who are on permanent defence duty.

And what is true of Imperial Chemical Industries could be duplicated on a smaller scale in most parts of the country. Britain intends to be ready next time.

Booklet

It must not be thought that these preparations to meet a nuclear attack are confined to a few far-seeing industrial formations such as I.C.I. Many other great companies such as Shell, Bowater, Marks & Spencer, Boots, to name only a few are taking C.D. very seriously. Mr RAB Butler, as Home Secretary, is responsible for law and order; and quite obviously an atomic bomb attack on London or Manchester or Liverpool would create a degree of havoc far surpassing the ravages of Hitler's Luftwaffe.

One of the formations which has had warm support from Mr Butler is the Women's Voluntary Services and he recently took the opportunity of expounding to an audience of its members the theme of modern national defence when dealing with a nuclear attack. He told his audience that the dangers of nuclear attack were not as clearly understood as they should be. The two defects it would seem are that women are inclined to over-rate or under-rate the dangers. True to his temperament Mr Butler wants to reach a workable compromise between these two divisions.

I have before me an attractively presented booklet, complete with photographic illustrations which gives the report of the recent I.C.I. exercise known as "Lion."

"No sane person," writes Sir Alexander Fleck, the Chairman of I.C.I., in a foreward, "can wish for war, with the terrible weapons of destruction available today. But the excellent work being done up and down the country by Civil Defence Forces is making a notable contribution towards preparedness and towards discouraging the idea of starting a war. A well-trained Civil Defence Force of adequate numbers would do much to save very many valuable lives, however vast the devastation. It could also help to restore the way of life of our country after an attack."

Then he adds the stirring words: "We are all proud of the fine work done in their own time by the 5,000 I.C.I. men and women in our units of the Industrial Civil Defence Service—one of the Crown services under the command of Her Majesty the Queen."

Just to show that this vigourous organisation would not be content with defence on paper or theory they recently performed a realistic defence ritual. At a given point in the country they assumed that an enemy hydrogen bomb had been exploded 15 miles down wind from the town of Witton three hours before the exercise began.

It was confirmed that the exercise area was on the fringe of the fall-out area, and while watching carefully for any changes in the radioactivity conditions, the forces were able to work *quite safely in the area for a maximum of four hours.*

Precautions

A wide variety of incidents had been arranged to exercise the forces and to demonstrate the work of all sections of the Industrial Civil Defence Service, working in co-operation with the local authority Civil Defence Corps, plus the Mobile Defence Corps of the Army and the Industrial Fire Service.

A few days after the exercise had been completed the High Command issued a critique which was informative and also blunt. In other words they take it all seriously.

Thus as 1960 calls for good will by men towards men we, in Britain, are preparing to deal with the hydrogen bomb if in the mad hour of victory or defeat some maniac dictator decides to bring down civilisation. Neither the men nor the women shrink from the duties that they are asked to perform.

The Women's Volunteer Services, known as W.V.S., have run a publicity campaign based on one question: "What" could you do?" they ask of women in a pamphlet just issued "to help yourself, your family and your neighbours? In areas outside the actual explosion of an atomic bomb you could survive if you took certain simple precautions."

Then the pamphlet goes on: "The One-in-Five scheme run by the W.V.S. aims to give to one in every five women in the country the basic facts about the dangers of fire, blast and radioactive fall-out and how, by making the best possible use of the protection which our homes provide, these dangers could be minimised."

Then in short clear phrases the pamphlet ends: "The W.V.S. gives this information, which has been carefully prepared so that it is practical without being frightening, in two short and simple talks and these can be followed by a third talk on how to care for a sick person in an emergency, or better still, by a short, practical course on Home Nursing. Knowledge combats fear so help the W.V.S. to help you by getting in touch with your local W.V.S. office.

"It would be wrong for me to give the impression that all the women—or the men—of Britain are eagerly giving up their spare time so as to be ready to play their part if the world goes mad again. In war, as in peace, there are always the drones who believe that it is the duty of other people to look after them. Yet it is only fair to say that the response, even though it be not fully adequate, has undergone a remarkable development.

So we said goodbye to our kindly hosts at the I.C.I. and paused in the almost summer sunshine to gaze upon the Abbey, on St. Margaret's and upon the Houses of Parliament—each proclaiming the indestructibility of the human spirit.

As for the new race of Amazons — the women of Great Britain — they are ready for the liveliness of peace or the sterility of war, and because of that we may in fact be moving into a long era of reasonable relations between the nations.

For a time it seemed that the atomic bomb threatened not only civilisation but existence itself. But because the invention of man's mind has outstripped man's soul, war on a large scale, has become such a scientific insanity that even another maniac Hitler would hesitate to give the signal to launch Hell's fury on the world.

Damn

The directors of "Imperial Chemicals" believe firmly in peace but just in case they should be proved wrong and Britain be put to the test of war by another megalomaniac dictator the powers of peace shall be armed for attack and defence with every devilish device that science can produce.

The Kaiser went to war because he thought he could win. Hitler went to war because he mistook the unpreparedness of France and Britain for the decadence of the human spirit. Today the Free world holds out the Torch of Liberty in one hand but is armed to the uttermost in nuclear strength with the other.

The Cathedral.... The Houses of Parliament.... and firms such as I.C.I. For once Britain is ready, and only a doomed and damned idiot would think that he could wage a victorious war against her and her allies today. Peace through strength and its corollary - Peace through preparedness of the human mind and the human spirit!

History may yet record that in the latter half of the 20th century the power of attack was balanced by counter-attack, and peace at last came to earth.

Just Fancy That!

THE smallest trade union in the world—the Amalgamated Society of Lace Pattern Readers, Correctors, Press and Piano Punchers—will be wound up if a resolution is passed at a general meeting of its 12 members in Nottingham.

The union once had a membership of more than 200, but the coming of machines which made certain jobs obsolete, and the fact that some members joined larger and more powerful unions, has meant a gradual decline in membership of the A.S.L.P.R.C.P.P.P.

—(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

'WASP WAIST' HEELS GREET THE SPRING

Dior Designer Launches the "Punchinello"

YVES Saint Laurent, designer at the House of Dior, may ignore the natural waist in spring dress silhouettes, but the shoe designer, Roger Vivier, has made good the omission by launching "wasp waist" heels. He calls them "Punchinello".

Persian — and Oriental-inspired shoes shown in the new Dior collection have this new hour-glass shaped heel in low two-inch heights. This whimsical, yet practical, Punchinello heel has replaced the towering, thin, exclamation mark of recent seasons. And it is combined for the coming spring with toe tips tilted up in Persian, or Turkish, style.

Until the end of 1959, Roger Vivier's beautiful shoes were available at the Dior salons only, for those favoured few who could pay the high price of shoes made to measure. But since the opening of the special ready-to-wear shoe salon of the Dior establishment sprightly, high styled foot wear is possible on a budget.

"In recent years my aim has been to adapt couture fashion to a larger clientele. In creating these models I have thought of women who work and travel. Styles must be simple and refined," the 45-year-old shoe-designer explains.

Set trends

Among Vivier's early trend-setting ideas was the platform sole, which evolved as the revolutionary shoe theme of the 1930's. After the war, Monsieur Vivier returned to France, to design shoes for the late Christian Dior.

Roger Vivier explains philosophically: "true smartness consists in adapting current fashion to one's silhouette rather than in following trends blindly. When I design shoes I think as a dressmaker does and try to create a new line rather than fancy trimmings."

'Character' shoes

Many women, he says, seem to have a complex if they have not got "little feet." "Nowadays the long fluid footline belongs to our fashion era, and the quality and character of a shoe has far more importance than its size."

Along with the wasp waisted, or Punchinello heel, there are other versions which are even lower, intended for the woman who likes to walk on city streets but demands a more stylish shoe than a ballerina type casual.

So there are spindle knob heels made of stacked leathers or squared, Cuban "trotting heels."

Toe treatments for the coming season present surprise effects to the elongated, decollete line of the vamp, with a Turkish toe which suddenly turns up at the tip, or a toe squared off in a little snub.

Punchinello heels appear also in formal wear, with bejewelled slippers reminiscent of those worn by women in "Arabian Nights". Queen Farah Diba's wedding shoes, embroidered in crystal and rhinestones to match the gown designed by Yves Saint Laurent, are typical of this trend. Other styles in printed fabrics and rich brocades recall the 18th century court shoes in France.

Patterned

Vivier advocates shoes made of the same fabric as the dress, but claims it disastrous to add a second accessory, such as a hat or a bag, in the same printed fabric. "Never wear accessories all in one colour," he says. "And above all avoid the effect of having everything perfectly matched in the identical print or shade."

Inspired by the current 18th century trend this retiring, silver haired designer has decorated his home in the south of France with many authentic Louis XV lacquers and the oriental knick-knacks which were the rage in France in that period.

There, he prepares new collections surrounded by dozens of wooden lasts, called "pullovers", and experiments by cutting paper and trying the form on these dummy feet.

"Shock" heel

Before the Punchinello heel appeared on the fashion horizon this season, Monsieur Vivier had been alternately applauded and criticised for his "shock" heel. At first glance, this abstract heel appeared in profile to lean at an angle, like the Tower of Pisa, and reversed the usual order of things by arching out at the back instead of curving inwards towards the ball of the foot in the classic manner.

This "shock" heel required a maximum of patience to create. As he said: "I had to make 70 different finished samples before the 'shock' was perfected.'

East meets West —in fashion

RESORT separates designed in Japan from Japanese fabrics, ARE a perfect blend of East and West!

LEFT: In daffodil yellow, lightweight woven so as to create an illusion of stripes, slim trousers come to rest just below the knees; the collarless jacket with large pockets is loosely cut with a deep pleat below its yoked and buttoned top.

CENTRE model is decorated with flowers on sleeves, waist and hem. The lantern sleeves are detachable, making the dress strapless for evening wear.

RIGHT model has all the sophistication of its name — Imperial Hotel. It is the East — translated into the West. In black challis, it is strikingly strapless, with narrow draped side "wings" and an obi-effect bow at centre waist.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

If Knarf Were a Painter

—He'd Paint Leaves, Flowers, Grass And Birds—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow-Boy with the Turned - About Name, was sitting on the steps of his house.

It was a lovely day. The sun was shining. The Birds were singing. The Bees were humming. And at the house next door, a Painter was standing on a ladder painting a wall.

Knarf went over to have a talk with the Painter.

Greeted each other

"Good morning Painter," Knarf said.

The Painter looked down from the ladder.

"Good morning, Laddie," he said.

"Why are you painting the house?" Knarf asked.

"Well," said the Painter, "it needs it, that's why. Paint is like new clothes. The house needs new clothes to look pretty. I mean it needs a new paint to look pretty, which is pretty much the same thing."

Their wishes

"I wish I were a Painter," said Knarf.

"I wish I were a little Boy," said the Painter.

"If I were a Painter," said Knarf, "I'd paint all kinds of things."

"What kind of things do you mean, Laddie?" asked the Painter.

Do you see that tree standing in the garden?" asked Knarf.

The Painter looked at the tree.

"I do," he nodded.

Paint leaves

"If I were a Painter, I'd paint all the leaves on that tree," said Knarf. "I'd paint them green and red and yellow."

"When I was a little Boy," the Painter said, "I wanted to paint the sky. I wanted to paint it blue with big white puffy clouds. But I never could find a ladder tall enough to reach the sky. So I never could paint it."

"And when I got finished painting the tree in the garden," Knarf went on, "I'd paint all the flowers in the whole neighbourhood. I'd paint the grass. I'd paint the Birds. I'd paint People."

The Painter nodded.

Wonderful idea

"It's a wonderful idea," he said.

"Once a pot of violet paint fell on me. I walked around looking violet. Everyone was very surprised to see a Man painted violet. They all smiled. I made lots of People happy."

"I wish I had a green Dog and a pink Cat," said Knarf. "But I guess they wouldn't like me to paint them."

"It's a funny thing," said the Painter as he climbed down and moved the ladder a few feet to the left, "it's a funny thing how many creatures got themselves painted different colours without anyone painting them at all."

Doesn't understand

"I don't know what you mean, Painter," said Knarf.

"Well," said the Painter, "take a Robin. He got himself a red breast. And take a Butterfly. She got herself golden-coloured wings. And take a Caterpillar. He's painted yellow with black dots down his back."

"Who painted the buttercups yellow?" Knarf asked the Painter.

"Somebody," said the Painter.

"And who painted the roses red?" asked Knarf.

"Somebody," said the Painter.

"Why are you painting the house?" asked Knarf.

"I wish you really could find a very-very-very tall ladder," said Knarf.

To paint sky?

"To climb up and paint the sky?" the Painter asked. "Just like I tried to do?"

"No," said Knarf. "I like the sky the way it is. I'd like to paint something else."

"What would you like to paint, Laddie, on that very-very-very tall ladder if you could find it?"

"I'd like to paint another moon," said Knarf. "I'd make two moons in the sky instead of only one. It would be beautiful to have two moons, Painter!"

And the Painter smiled, nodded, and went on painting the house, like giving it brand-new clothes.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

SIX hearts is a good contract for today's hand and difficult to bid. It looks like a cinch to play, but actually it presents problems.

South wins the opening club with dummy's ace. If he is anything but a most careful player he will lay down dummy's king or queen of hearts, whereupon he will have lost the hand. I will probably get a lot of mail contradicting this statement, but I have made it with malice-afore-thought and am prepared to back it up.

A really careful player will say to himself, "I am in a fine contract and should take every step to ensure it. I can't do anything about a 4-0 trump break, so I will forget about it. I need entries to dummy, so I will lead a low trump to my ace and come back to dummy with a second trump."

	NORTH	3
	♠ A Q	
	♥ K Q 2	
	♦ 7 6 4 2	
	♣ A 8 6 5	
WEST		EAST
♠ J 9 8 6 4 2		♠ K 10 7 5 3
♥ J 5		♥ 10 3
♦ None		♦ Q J 10 3
♣ J 10 9 4 2		♣ K 7
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ None	
	♥ A 9 8 7 6 4	
	♦ A K 9 8 5	
	♣ Q 3	

Both vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣ J

South makes that play. Then he discards his losing club on the ace of spades and leads a diamond. If East plays low, South finesses and loses only one diamond. This is a safety play. South is willing to lose one diamond trick in any case. If East plays a high diamond, South wins; learns about the bad break and leads back a low diamond. East wins and gets out with a black card, whereupon South goes to dummy with the remaining high trump and picks up the rest of the diamond suit.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	1 N.T.	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:

♠ 3 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ 6 5 4

What do you do?

A—**If you know that your partner has played your two-heart bid as weak you can and should go on to four. Otherwise pass at three.**

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner opens one spade. Second hand bids two diamonds. You hold:

♠ 4 3 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ Q 10 3 2 ♣ A K J 4

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

THE ART OF BEAUTY —AS YOUR CAREER

THERE are many career opportunities for women in the beauty and grooming counselling field, according to Jeanne Bryant, home service director of Dial Research Laboratories in New York.

Miss Bryant advises women and teenagers on skin care, nutrition and fashion. She cites the following subjects as "musts" for girls interested in similar or related work:

—**chemistry**, basic for knowledge of soaps and cosmetics.

—**bacteriology**, basic for familiarity with micro-organisms that cause skin problems.

—**biology, physiology** and nutrition to help you understand what goes on inside and outside the body.

—**public speaking** and training in writing to help you to communicate adequately with the various publics looking to you for information.

Miss Bryant said any women in the beauty counselling field should look the part. To help herself to achieve good grooming, she recommends the study of fashion design and textiles.

"Generally speaking," she said, "a home economics degree will automatically assure the right background for beauty and grooming counselling work."

Industries

Salaries in the field run from about $400 monthly for beginners just out of college to "the astronomical figures that top experts command!"

Industries that employ women in such counselling work include fashion fabric, food, cosmetic and home appliances.

How to get started? Miss Bryant said that companies requiring the home economist will go directly to university placement bureaus.

"A less qualified candidate," Miss Bryant said, "will have to sell herself as a likely prospect for the job she wants.

"She may have to work in a stenographic or clerical capacity until the gaps in her background are filled. But at least she'll be in the general field that interests her and preparing for the job she wants!"

COOKING ANGLE

Light dessert after a heavy meal: Orange slices sprinkled lightly with sugar and cinnamon.

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Fresh bread crumbs make a moist stuffing, day-old bread a medium - moist dressing and toasted crumbs make a dry crunchy type.

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Use leftover mincemeat from pies as filling for sugar cookies. Add a touch of lemon or orange rind to the mincemeat and bake cookies sandwich-style. Serve with hot chocolate.

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Peel thin strips of carrot. Roll to form a loose curl. Hold ends in place with a toothpick. Let stand in ice cold water for several hours or overnight. Serve on an appetiser tray or as a garnish on main platter.

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Give additional piquancy to prepared olive pimiento cheese spread by adding 3 tablespoons chopped sweet pickle to 1 jar (5-ounce) of spread. For curry fanciers, add 1 teaspoon curry powder to 1 jar (5-ounce) pineapple cheese spread.

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Something fancy for hot dog fanciers: creamed kraut and frankfurters. Combine 2 cups of undrained sauerkraut with 1 (10½-ounce) can of condensed green pea soup, 1 cup of cottage cheese, 1 teaspoon each of celery seed and salt, and ¼ teaspoon of pepper. Turn into greased 1½-quart shallow baking dish, top with 1 pound of frankfurters and bake 30 minutes in a 350-degree oven. Serves 4.

IN POISON GREEN AND PUMPKIN RED —Your 1960 cottons

from Jeanne Graham in Paris

ARE you feeling cold?

Because, if so, I've got something to make you feel even colder! Cotton dresses you are to wear this summer.

TERRY TOWELLING is the big news. The Etablissements Boussac (Monsieur Boussac being the man behind the House of Dior) have decided that terry towelling is to be promoted from mere beach wraps and beach towels and beach dressing-gowns to **Dresses, Sun-Dresses and Tailored Dress And Jacket** ensembles.

Shattering poplin

And very striking it is too, this new fashion-wise towelling. In the brightest of colours, the most cunning of styles.

Monsieur Boussac has also decided that 1960 is a black and white summer. For day, a play-suit and over-skirt in black and white trellis print finished with a fringe design. For evening, a black flounced cotton skirt teamed with an evening blouse in white printed sparsely with black roses. Or a dramatic black and white smudge stroke print in Zebra stripes.

The cotton prints will come to life shatteringly in other colours, too. Like Poison Green with Blue and Yellow. Pumpkin Red and Yellow. Biscuit Beige and Black. Parma Violet and Iris.

POPLIN has a different look with texture interest. There will be poplin overalls in gay **geometrical designs—encouraging** for overall-clad workers. Poplin again, handkerchief fine, is made into an evening dress this time, the design of broken stripes in minute checks. Crease-resistant, naturellement.

Polynesian Jungle

Other cottons: gaberdine, tailor-made in a town two-piece; shantung in bright Neptune blue for a short evening dress with a very full skirt; prints of massive Polynesian and jungle blooms.

And the best thing about these new, very Parisian cottons, is that they are inexpensive. And provided you are handy with a needle, you can look like a Dior girl yourself—in a matter of hours!

BLACK AND WHITE for summer 1960. A ruched skirt in plain black cotton, the evening blouse in fine white poplin printed sparsely with black roses.

COPYCATS will copy this picture of a cocktail dress, made in a screen-printed cotton. The print is of summer sky and leaf design.

★ EASY MAIN DISH FOR PATIO MEALS

PATIO cornucopias are as easy to make as they are easy on your budget.

Chop a No. 2 can sauerkraut, and mix thoroughly with 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 clove garlic minced, 1 large onion, chopped, 1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped, ⅛ teaspoon thyme, ¼ teaspoon salt, a dash of pepper, 30 crumbled snack crackers or about 2 cups of crumbs.

Spoon onto 6 thick slices of bologna, roll into cornucopias and fasten with toothpicks. Bake in a 350 degree oven 30 minutes and serve with a garnish of carrot curls speared on toothpicks.

★ BRAZILIAN OYSTER-STUFFED PANCAKES:

TO do this, quarter 2 c. thawed frozen, cooked or tinned oysters.

Add to 2 c. rich white sauce containing 1 beaten egg yolk, 1 tbsp. Mayonnaise, a few drops each onion and lemon juice and 4 drops Tabasco. Keep hot in a double-boiler.

For each person, make 2 (6") pancakes from a ready-mix. Keep hot in the oven.

To serve, on each pancake, put a heaping tablespoon of the creamed oyster; fold over; pour a little melted butter on each. Garnish of lemon rind.

Rupert and the Snowstorm—1

February has not yet come to an end, and the weather has been wild. "Come here, Rupert," says Mrs. Bear. "Put on your scarf and coat and run to the shop for some medicine. Isn't it bad luck! Daddy has had nothing wrong with him through the winter, and now, just as the evenings are getting longer, he has a terrible cold; "Don't want any medicine," wheezes Mr. Bear grumpily. "Medicine's no good. Just let me alone to sleep it off." Rupert looks at him anxiously. Then, taking his own carrier, he hurries away.

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LADY LUCK your CHINA MAIL horoscope

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): If you find a relative in a rather depressed state, try and find out what is bothering him. Your sympathy will help him over his trouble.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Try to impart your optimistic outlook to a friend who seems to have lost confidence in the future.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There is abundant scope for you to improve yourself, providing you look for it in the right places.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful about starting a romance at your place of business. Your superiors may frown upon it and it may hamper your career.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): An original idea of yours, if submitted to the proper quarters, could add considerably to your material prosperity.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Instead of facing a difficult situation with courage, you are inclined to run away from it.

LEO (July 22-August 21): A set-back in your plans could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): You will soon find yourself in a position to meet a number of interesting people, but only a very few will be worth cultivating as friends.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A very glib talker may do his utmost to persuade you to subscribe to what appears to be a promising scheme, but further investigation is advisable.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Some changes in your domestic arrangements may be necessary in order to avoid the petty frictions which have bothered you of late.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): As a release from your routine work you ought to find a creative hobby and pursue it regularly.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): A person born at the beginning of May will be greatly attracted to you, and if the feeling is mutual a lasting attachment may develop.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If today is your birthday, look out for SAPPHIRE BLUE. It ought to bring you luck.

Ike launches opening of baseball season, tosses first ball

Washington, Apr. 18.

President Dwight D. (No Wind-Up) Eisenhower, making his farewell appearance as an opening day "pitcher," threw out two first balls today to launch the 1960 American League baseball season.

The President's first toss was a high, hard one which was caught by Washington outfielder Bob Allison. His second pitch from the presidential box was a blooper snared by Jack Krallick, "Rookie" left-handed Washington pitcher.

Eisenhower, interrupting a golfing vacation, flew here from Augusta just two hours before the opening game between the Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators. These two clubs were picked by the experts to fight it out for last place. He planned to fly back immediately after the game.

7TH APPEARANCE

The President, who winds up his eight years in the White House on January 20, was making his seventh appearance as an opening-day pitcher. He missed last year in favour of golf at Augusta.

Eisenhower hauled on a pitcher's glove, doffed his hat exposing his gleaming bald head, then—without benefit of wind-up, tossed his first pitch.

Allison not only got the coveted souvenir, but a handshake and an autograph from the President. Then Eisenhower obliged by throwing out a second "first" pitch.

With his pitching completed the President turned the professional pitching chore over to Washington's Camilo Pascual (17-10) and Boston's Tom Sturcivant (2-8), also right-handers.

Vice-President Richard Nixon, who hopes to be the White House opening day "pitcher" next year, presided yesterday over the flag-raising ceremony. He marched to the centre-field flag pole with American League President Joe Cronin, Washington Club President Calvin Griffith and managers Cooke Lavagetto of Washington and Billy Jurges of Boston. A 30-to-35 mile wind slashed across the field.—UPI.

Strikes out 15 batters

Washington, Apr. 18.

Camilo Pascual struck out 15 batters today—an all-time Washington record which exceeded the mark set by the immortal Walter Johnson—as he pitched the Senators to a 10-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox in the season opener.

The slender Cuban right-hander broke a record that had stood since May 23, 1924 when the late great Johnson tied his own mark of 14 strikeouts originally set in 1910. Another Washington pitcher, Jim Shaw, had tied Johnson's record in 1914.

Pascual broke Johnson's record with none out in the ninth when he fanned Gene Stephens.—UPI.

Favourites win in youth soccer

Vienna, Apr. 18.

The favourites surged to the top of their groups today in the second preliminary round of the 1960 European youth soccer tournament.

Defending champion Bulgaria, Italy, Hungary and Rumania led in the four groups with only one more preliminary round to be played on Wednesday.

2 UPSETS

Hungary's 1-1 tie against West Germany and Spain's 2-1 loss to Belgium were the upsets of eight matches played at Wiener Neustaet, Linz, St. Poelten and Graz before a total of 33,500 fans.

The results were: Portugal defeated Holland 2-1, Italy won over Greece 2-0, England beat Poland 4-2, Austria tied Bulgaria 1-1, Turkey defeated East Germany 1-0, Rumania trounced France 4-1, West Germany tied Hungary — and Belgium beat Spain 2-1. AP.

Hurdles mark

Johannesburg, Apr. 18.

Potgieter broke the British Empire record for the 220 yards hurdles clocking 22.8 sec. in the South African athletic championships at Bloemfontein today.

Malcolm Spence broke his own British Empire record when he won the 440 yards in 45.9 sec.—AFP.

2 European runners for Boston marathon

Boston, Apr. 18.

Finland's Veikko Koivumaki and Paavo Kotila are the only two European challengers to the strong North American contingent for tomorrow's annual Boston marathon.

Thirty-two-year-old Kotila who finished in 1955 will try like Koivumaki to repeat the success of their compatriot Eino Oksasen, winner of last year's race.

America's 29-year-old Johnny Kelly, the 1957 winner and second in three others of this New England marathon, is favourite for tomorrow's 4,600-kilometre run from Hopkinton to the Boston Bay quarter.

Last summer Kelly won the Pan American games marathon, the Boston run, the selection trials for America's Rome Olympic marathon runners.

Other American favourites among the 168 starters are America's Jim Green, Alex Breckenridge, Tony Sapienza and Al Confalone.

Canada also will be represented.—AFP.

Poland wins at soccer

Warsaw, Apr. 18.

Poland's Olympic soccer team today won a berth at the Rome games by defeating West Germany 3-1 in a decisive elimination match, half-time score was 1-0.

It was the second defeat by Poland for the young German amateur team which lost last November in the first elimination game at Essen 3-0.

The third country in the elimination group, Finland had been defeated by both Poland and Germany and was out of the running.—AP.

Surtees makes debut on four wheels

John Surtees, fastest man in the world on two wheels, made his four-wheeled debut recently in a ten-lap scratch race at Goodwood. Driving a Cooper-Austin, he finished second after going off the track while in the lead.

In a series of private tests at Goodwood, driving a Vauxhall and an Aston Martin, he has already unofficially broken Stirling Moss's lap record — but before he can join in Grand Prix racing, he has to qualify in races like this for the Royal Automobile Club's international racing licence.

Photo shows Surtees at the finish of the race.—London Express photo.

Public squash courts opening this afternoon

To mark the opening of the Public Squash Courts in Victoria Park today at 5.30 p.m., a match will be played between the Commander, British Forces' team and Colonel H. Owen-Hughes Taipan's team.

A number of people have been invited to attend the official opening of the courts, the only public courts in the Colony.

Built to international standards, the new courts contain changing rooms and seating accommodation for 104 people.

The charge for use of each court is $1.50 for half an hour.

The courts, an Urban Council project, are affiliated to the Squash Rackets Association of London, England.

They are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and from 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday. They are closed on Mondays.

The players taking part in this afternoon's match are:

C.B.F. team: Captain Perkins Major Furlonge, K. C. Dao, Fl. Lt. Thirnbeck, L. P. Ting, M. Hammett, Miss W. Francis.

Taipan's Team: D. Coffey, Lt. Col. Cran, Col. Sullivan, H. D. Stead, C. G. M. Morrison, Major Bowman, Miss G. McQueen.

Victory for British sports car

London, Apr. 18.

Britain's Innes Ireland triumphed behind the wheel of Britain's newest formula 1 racer, the Coventry Climax-powered Lotus in the 102-mile Glover Trophy Automobile Race on the Goodwood track here today.

The new Lotus, graduated from the normal formula 2 sports model, covered the 42 laps at an average speed of 100.39 m.p.h., nearly two miles per hour slower than the new track lap record set up to day by Stirling Moss in a Cooper Climax (102.13 mph).

DISAPPOINTMENT

Moss's record consoled him for taking second place after closely competing with Ireland throughout the race. The standing record fell when Moss after leading for four laps fell behind Ireland and made an all out effort to re-take the lead.

The day's big disappointment came when the new BRM's driven by Sweden's Joakim Bonnier and Britain's Graham Hill finished fifth and six, one lap behind the leaders.—AFP.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Racing

Entries for 12th Race Meeting close at noon.

Golf

RHKGC Ladies' Section match against Shek-O at Fanling.

TO-MORROW

Soccer

Annual Memorial Cup match at Police Ground Boundary Street 5.30 p.m.

Hockey

Men's Inter-national semi-final, India v Malaya at Sookunpoo 5.30 p.m.

Boxing

Billy Tingle's Boys' Boxing Exhibition at HK Cricket Club 5 to 7 p.m.

Champion dies

London, Apr. 18.

Paul Farrant, Britain's winner of the world canoeing slalom championship at Geneva last year died in hospital today from injuries received in a motor car accident during the Easter weekend at Brentford, Middlesex.—AFP.

Slims down for boxing

Charlotte, N.C., Apr. 18.

Paul Anderson, the Olympic heavyweight weightlifting champion who turned to professional wrestling after taking the weightlifting title at Melbourne starts his professional boxing career here on Apr. 25.

After slimming, Anderson lost 66 lbs to get down to 250 lbs. for his opening fight against 204 lbs Attilio Tondo.—AFP.

Tennis

Johannesburg, April 18.

America's Earl Buchholz and Jack Frost today defeated South Africa's Albert Gaertner and Gaeton Koenig in a hard-fought match to qualify for the men's doubles final of the South-African tennis championships.

The score was: 11-9, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.—AP.

Johansson arrives in U.S.

New York, Apr. 18.

Ingemar Johansson, Sweden's world heavyweight champion, arrived in New York by plane tonight from Europe to sign for his return bout with Floyd Patterson on June 20 at the polo grounds.

"I had a good trip and I'm feeling fine," Johansson said. "I hope to sign for the bout tomorrow or Wednesday."

Johansson said he did not plan to attend a press conference scheduled tomorrow morning at the New York State Attorney General's Office. Pending litigation and tax matters in connection with the heavyweight title situation are expected to be discussed at the session.

"I plan to fly back to Europe on Wednesday," Johansson said. "Then I will return to the United States on May 5 and finish my training at Grossinger."—UPI.

Spurs crash 1-0 to Chelsea, lose chance for title

London, Apr. 18.

After having led the championship for most of the season, Tottenham Hotspur saw their hopes of the title virtually disappear today when they went down 1-0 at home to Chelsea.

It was the "Spurs" second defeat (in three matches) of the Easter holiday period. The Londoners began by beating Chelsea away on Good Friday and then lost at home to Manchester City, also by the odd goal, so for the Tottenham supporters it was a most unhappy Easter.

With Burnley also suffering an unexpected defeat today Wolverhampton Wanderers, 3-1 home winners over Nottingham forest, now look all set to bring off their third successive championship win, a feat that has not been accomplished since the 1920's—1930's, when Huddersfield Town and Arsenal both achieved the "hat trick."

REMOTE

Even if Tottenham brought off a miracle win next Saturday at Wolverhampton, their chances of capturing the title are extremely remote for they can how only obtain a total of 53 points, against Wolverhampton's and Burnley's possible 57. But Burnley have to play three of their remaining four matches away from home, two against relegation-fighting clubs.—AFP.

Elorde-Gomes return fight planned

New York, Apr. 18.

Dewey Fragetta, speaking for fight organiser Benny Ford, said today a return match between Philippine world junior lightweight boxing champion Flash Elordo and Harold Gomes, could take place in San Francisco on July 6.

Gomes had accepted terms of a contract for the fight, Fragetta said.

The California organiser was now awaiting a reply from Elordo.

Fragetta said the fight proposal had been submitted to Lope Serreal, Elordo's manager and he said he was sure they would be accepted.

The fight at the civic auditorium would be nationally televised.

Elordo took the title from Gomes on March 16 in Manila. —AFP.

English soccer results

London, Apr. 18.

League Division One			
Birmingham	1	Bromwich	7
Blackpool	0	Everton	0
Fulham	3	Arsenal	0
Leicester	2	Burnley	1
Lyton	1	Blackburn	1
Manchester U.	5	West Ham	3
Preston	1	Leeds	1
Sheffield W.	2	Newcastle	0
Tottenham	0	Chelsea	1
Wolverhampton	3	Nottingham F.	1
League Division Two			
Aston Villa	2	Stroke	1
Brighton	3	Lincoln	3
Bristol City	5	Ipswich	1
Charlton	2	Scunthorpe	2
Derby	1	Hull	3
Huddersfield	0	Bristol Rovers	1
Liverpool	3	Rotherham	0
Middlesbrough	1	Sheffield U.	2
Portsmouth	1	Sunderland	2
Swansea	1	Leyton Orient	0
League Division Three			
Accrington	0	Newport	0
Bournemouth	1	Chesterfield	1
Bradford City	3	Queen's Park R.	1
Mansfield	0	Brentford	0
Norwich	3	Halifax	0
Port Vale	3	Barry	0
Southampton	1	Reading	0
Southend	1	Colchester	0
Swindon	1	Tranmere	1
Wrexham	3	York	1

English First Division League Table

Wolverhampton Wanderers (39 games) 51 points.
Tottenham (40) 49.
Burnley (38) 49.
Sheffield Wednesday (40) 48.
West Bromwich (39) 40.
Newcastle (40) 44.
Bolton (40) 44.
Manchester United (40) 43.
Preston (39) 42.
Fulham (40) 41.
Blackpool (40) 39.
West Ham (40) 37.
Chelsea (40) 37.
Leicester (40) 37.
Arsenal (40) 37.
Everton (40) 35.
Blackburn (39) 35.
Manchester City (39) 33.
Nottingham Forest (39) 32.
Birmingham (38) 31.
Leeds (38) 30.
Luton (40) 28.

—AFP.

Hockey win

Montreux, Apr. 18.

Spain won the nations cup roller hockey tournament here tonight. Spain and Portugal were unbeaten with 13 points each, but Spain had the better goal averages.—Reuter.

Concert by world's oldest music academy to be part of Olympic inauguration ceremony

Rome, Apr. 18.

While organisers of the Olympic Games, which are to be held in Rome this summer, continue to have headaches over musical problems of the "cold war," musicians and a choir have begun rehearsals for a special concert here on August 20 in honour of Olympic athletes.

The special concert will be given in Rome's huge Palace of Congresses in the presence of Italian President Signor Giovanni Gronchi.

The concert by an orchestra and a choir of some 100 voices will be part of the inauguration ceremony of a meeting of the International Olympic Committee, which is to precede the opening of the 17th Olympiad here on August 25.

The Palace of Congresses, a super-modern structure on the outskirts of the city will also be the site for the Olympic fencing events.

The special concert is being given by Italy's National Academy of Santa Cecilia, named after the patron saint of music. It will include music by Rossini and Verdi, and end with Mascagni's stirring Hymn of the Sun.

One headache

The Saint Cecilia Academy is the oldest institute of music in the world. I was set up by a music lover, Giovanni Pierluigi Da Palestrina, in 1566.

Italy's best military musicians meanwhile have begun a race against the clock to master the national anthems of the 83 nations, ranging from the United States and the Soviet Union to tiny Monaco, which have entered competitors in the games.

The musicians will form part of bands which will play at the various Olympic venues to honour winning athletes. One "Cold War" headache still worrying Olympic organisers here is how the victory of a German athlete is to be celebrated.

West Germany and Communist East Germany will present a joint team under a common flag at the Rome Olympics. But there has so far been no agreement on a common national anthem. West Germany's hymn is "Deutschland Uber Alles" set to a well-known melody by Haydn, while East Germany has a new anthem written by a Communist composer. — China Mail Special.

OLYMPIC FOCUS

ALAN LAWRENCE

Gold medal for 'forgotten' man?

YOU need to thumb back the record books to the first of the modern Olympic Games to find the last Australian who won a track event. Then E. H. Flack took the 800 and 1,500 metres and was leading in the marathon five miles from the finish.

Now Australia have prepared a formidable track squad to bid for the four prized events from 800 to 10,000 metres.

Herb Elliott is outstanding favourite for the 1,500 metres and might even capture the 800 metres. To help him in these events are Tony Blue, a rising half-miler, and Merv Lincoln, rated second in the world over a mile.

Then, to crack Europe's historic domination of the two distance events, Australia have the "mighty midget," 5 ft 5 in double world record-holder, Albie Thomas, with Empire double champion Dave Power, and the almost forgotten Alan Lawrence.

They avoided him

Lawrence is the odd man out in the Australian Olympic team, as he is studying and being coached in Houston, Texas. It cost this little leather-lunged runner more than £100 to make the Australian Olympic team, as he flew home last month to qualify.

Fresh from creating a series of American records and world best indoor times over two and three miles, Lawrence wanted to prove on the track that he could beat Power and Thomas. Both avoided combat with the man who originally led Australia to the top in distance running.

At the Melbourne Olympic Games, 5 ft 6 in Lawrence proved himself by running third to the mighty Russian, Vladimir Kuts, and Hungary's Joseph Kovacs in the 10,000 metres.

Then he was offered an athletic scholarship in the U.S., and readily accepted the opportunity.

His break from Australia has produced critics in his own country.

Percy Cerutty, the white-haired coaching wizard behind Herb Elliott, writes in his new book *Athletics**:

Sets hot pace

"Lawrence was at one time supreme in Australia as a six-miler, and defeated Albie Thomas with regular consistency. But this was soon to pass.

"All Cerutty - trained athletes are taught to be front runners. If they have the fundamental ability to see it out, this policy makes for real success on the highest levels."

It is true that Lawrence was once a "sitter," allowing the others to make the pace. Houston coach Johnny Moriss has changed that.

Lawrence says: "My coach convinced me I should draw my opponents' sting with a hot early pace. It worked, and now I win more often."

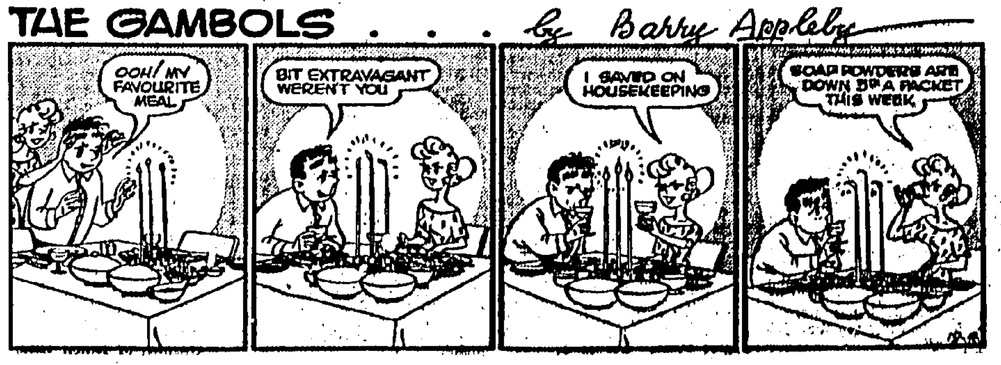
Gordon Pirie, the most experienced runner likely to line up in the torrid heat of Rome for the Olympic 10,000 metres, regards Lawrence as a leading favourite.

"Lawrence taught himself to run well enough to win a bronze medal, which proves he has the right make-up for a champion. In the early days he taught many Australians the way to distance running, including Albie Thomas."

—PETER CONNELL.

* *Published by Stanley Paul, 21s.*

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



THE STORY OF SPORT

A 9th century Greek was the all-time boxing champion

By Rex Lawrence

Who was the world's all-time boxing champion: Joe Louis? Ezzard Charles? Rocky Marciano?

You're nowhere near it. It was a Greek named Theagenes who did his campaigning some time in the 9th Century B.C.

And Theagenes really deserves the title. For he won no fewer than 1,425 bouts—everyone by permanent knockout.

When Theagenes was slugging it out referees and judges were thought unnecessary. Nothing was left to chance—or human fallibility. Boxers' fists were encased in spiked thongs—and death was the only arbiter.

But even at the time of Theagenes boxing was already an old sport.

When did it all start? No one has even been able to name a date. The earliest historical references to boxing come from a series of painted slates recently found in a temple at Khafaje in Mesopotamia and possibly dating from between 3000 and 2000 B.C. It was known, too, on the island of Crete where a high civilisation flourished 3,500 years ago.

The Romans helped to put the game on its feet—literally. Until the conquering legions took the game home to Rome, the Greek boxers had fought seated, brow touching brow.

But the true origin of boxing stretches right back into the dimness of prehistory — probably back to the day two cavemen left their clubs at home and quarrelled over a piece of meat.

Modern boxing obviously evolved from the bloody sport of the ancient Greeks. But history is strictly unyielding with facts about what happened during its transition from B.C. to A.D.

The link between the ancient fist-killing and the scientific art of self defence defined by the Marquis of Queensberry was the rough-and-tumble bout popular in 17th-century England.

Historians claim that boxing's development into popular entertainment was largely caused by the rise of the modern city, in particular London. The Thames seaport with its mixed population, its crowded slums and twisting, dirty streets where disputes were settled the quick way, certainly had the necessary ingredients.

FIRST CHAMPION

By 1719 interest in the game had grown to such an extent that a fighter named James Figg won recognition as the first champion of England.

But Figg, according to sketchy surviving records, defended his title only twice during the 15 years he reigned as champion.

This was due to the fact that boxers then fought without gloves and it took months for a fighter's hands to heal after a contest. The winner usually finished in worse shape than the loser, for his hands had taken the heavier beating. Broken noses and battered ears healed quickly. Broken knuckles and torn tendons didn't.

Another reason was the lack of financial incentive.' Purses were virtually non-existent. Fighters relied on side bets to make their money. Unless a challenger found a willing backer to stake him he was unlikely to get a crack at the title holder. The champion made a reasonable living giving lessons and appearing in exhibitions, and it was unlikely that he would risk his livelihood unless the reward offered was big enough.

Figg, himself, made a good thing out of boxing for more than 20 years. Even after retiring from the ring he continued to teach and take part in exhibitions.

Figg was succeeded by one of his own pupils, George Taylor. But exactly what part Taylor played in boxing's development is lost in history. Some authorities claim he held the title for six years, others state that he lost it immediately.

IMPORTANCE

But there is no disagreement about the identity of the man who took over from him: Jack Broughton, title holder from 1734 to 1740.

Broughton's importance lies in his contribution to boxing rather than his ring performance.

When he won the title it was the fashion for boxers to stand toe-to-toe slugging it out. Wrestling was encouraged. A boxer's aim was to catch hold of his opponent and toss him to the ground in an effort to bounce all the fight out of him. It was good tactics to kick a man when he was down. Eye-gouging was common, the fist was relatively incidental.

LEFT: Immortal John Broughton, true father of British boxing. Broughton, champion from 1740 to 1750, was the man who introduced skill into the fight game—and wrote boxing's first code of rules.

RIGHT: Bare-knuckle fighter James Figg, first ever boxing champion of England.

Broughton, as skilled in the art of throwing, kicking and gouging as the next man, found by experience that his fists were his most effective weapons. He introduced into boxing the science of deception—and revolutionised the sport.

His skill and mastery of boxing technique won him the admiration of the nation—and a reputation as the major authority on the sport.

So, when in 1743 he wrote a code of rules laying down the conditions of a prize fight and the conduct of fighters it was accepted, and with minor modifications, Broughton's Rules governed for nearly 100 years.

Broughton lifted boxing from the gutter. He was the true father of boxing. His intelligence and skill set the sport on the road to prosperity. He believed in fair play, training and clean living. But he lost his title to a man who was the exact opposite of everything Broughton stood for—an unsavoury character called Jack Slack.

Slack, known as the Norwich Butcher, won the title using every dirty trick in the book—and a few of his own invention. In 14 minutes he temporarily blinded Broughton, after mercilessly hitting him with rabbit punches and elbow blows.

But Slack was not just a dirty fighter. He was boxing's first crooked promoter as well. He fought infrequently himself, but he staged a series of shady bouts that dragged boxing back to the gutter. During the ten years he wore the crown boxing sank rapidly in public esteem.

The rise of a brilliant new fighter, a man who did as much for boxing in the 1790's as Broughton had done half a century earlier, marks the rescue of boxing from disrepute.

EAST END

His name was Daniel Mendoza, an English Jew of Portuguese extraction, reared in the squalid, vicious East End of London.

Mendoza stood barely 5 ft 7 in. But his superiority in the science of boxing made him a giant among men. He made up for his small stature by employing skill and a sort of footwork unknown previously. He was, too, the first man to demonstrate the power of the light jab landed frequently.

In an age when brawn was all, he showed that a medium-sized man who could use his fists and knew something about footwork could always beat the slugger who telegraphed his blows—no matter how big he was.

Mendoza's courage and skill did more than revolutionise boxing. Boxing became more popular than ever before. Soon after winning the title in 1791, Mendoza joined a travelling circus and toured England and Scotland. For many it was the first time they had seen a first-rate boxer in action. And his example aroused a new wave of enthusiasm all over Britain.

By the time Mendoza lost his title to John Jackson in 1795, boxing had begun to spread all over the world. Italy, France and Ireland had already started staging their own championships.

As the fight game became international it was inevitable that someone should reshape and codify it. That person was the Marquis of Queensberry, patron of boxing; who, in 1867, undertook the task.

With the introduction of the Queensberry rules boxing as we know it today was born.

The new laws shifted the emphasis from brute force to scientific boxing. Wrestling was completely outlawed. Padded gloves replaced the skin-tight "mufflers" of Broughton's day. The three minute rounds replaced the custom which allowed boxers a rest only after a knockdown.

Other fighters were to introduce finesse into the sport. Men like Jim Corbett whose science ended the era of the sluggers. But to all intents the noble art had been cast in its final mould.

U.S. soccer team for international match

New York, Apr. 18.

Al Stubbins, English soccer coach, told a press luncheon today he would start assembling a New York team on April 25 to play in the international tournament promoted by William D. Cox.

Alf Sherwood of Newport City, England, a top British player, will be one of the players to report here, said Stubbins.

"We are definitely bringing big league soccer to the United States," declared Cox, former President of the U.S. National League Phillies in baseball who also was connected with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-America football conference.

FROM OVERSEAS

Top notch soccer teams are coming here from Ireland, Scotland, England, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Brazil, France, Italy, Portugal, and Yugoslavia.

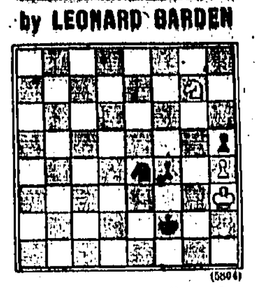
With the New York team there will be 12 competing and the field will be divided into two sections of six each.

The first game has been scheduled for May 25 between Scotland and Germany, and the winners of the two sections will meet in a cup final play-off on August 6.

Twenty of the games will be played at the Polo Grounds, former home of the then New York giants of the National Baseball League, and 10 at Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City, New Jersey.—AP.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



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London Express Service.

S. Africa loses softball 'Test' to Australia

Perth, Apr. 18.

On their way home the South African softball team reached Fremantle in the Southern Cross today after narrowly losing the Test rubber against Australia.

Australia won the first Test, South Africa the second and then Australia clinched the honours with a 3-2 win in the third Test.

The South Africans finished the tour with a record of 18 wins and 6 losses.

CORDIALLY RECEIVED

Manager Jan Grafford said the visitors were received cordially everywhere in Australia. They were impressed by the great interest being taken in the game by school girls.

That factor gave Australia the edge on South Africa.

He was hopeful that Australia would pay a reciprocal visit to South Africa but did not expect the tour before 1964.—China Mail Special.

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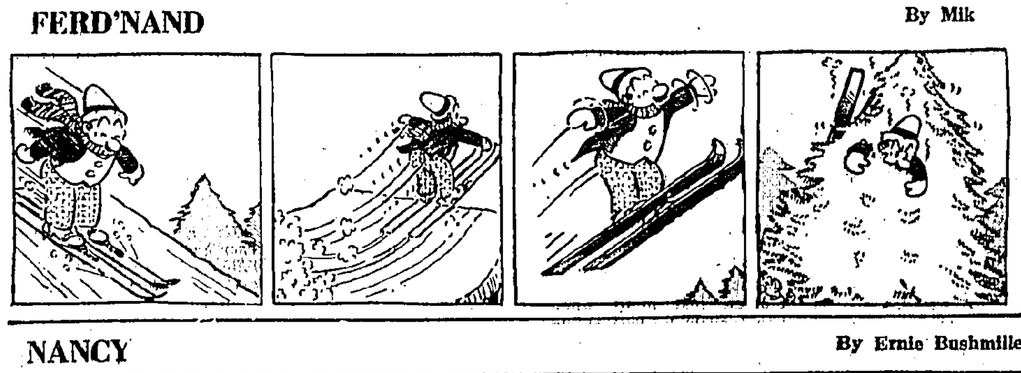

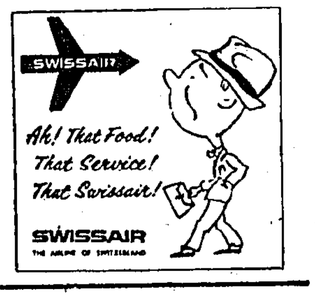

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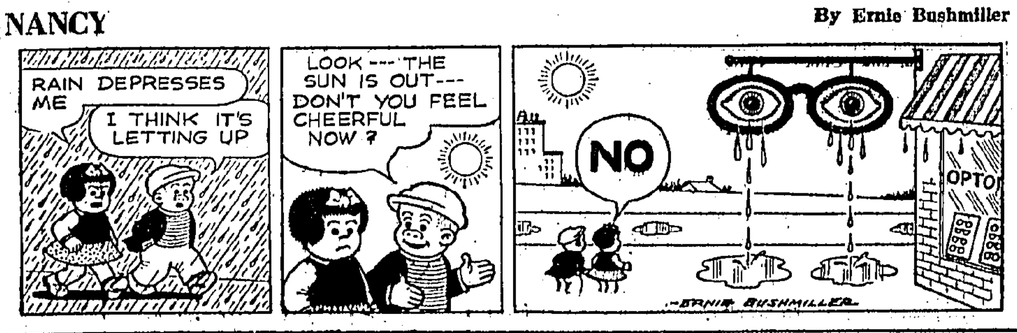

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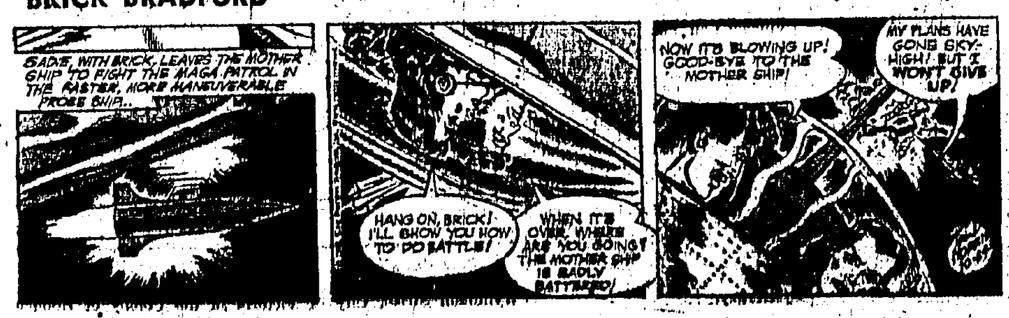

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PICTORIAL PARADE

ABOVE: A party of 28 Hongkong residents left for Japan by CAT last week for the Cherry Blossom season. The group will be conducted by HECNY tour manager, Mr Jack Huang, and will spend 11 days in Japan.

ABOVE: The Vienna Choir arrived in the Colony last week for a season here. Mr Harry Odell (left) is seen greeting the conductor, Mr Thomas Christian David.

ABOVE: The filming unit of "The World of Suzie Wong" returned to Hongkong headed by producer Hugh Perceval this week. He is seen here (centre) with Mr T. C. Wang (left) and Mr H. S. Moh.

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LEFT: The King and Queen of Nepal left for Japan this week after a four-day visit to the Colony. The Royal couple is seen here during a recent visit to the Gurkha Rifles in the New Territories.

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RIGHT: Mr G. O. W. Stewart, Deputy Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (left), seen officially opening the Bank's new branch office at Tsun Wan. Mr R. Moore is on right.

NOTICE

HENRY WAUGH LIMITED
(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the First Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at Denmark House, Ampang Road, Kuala Lumpur, on Friday, the Twenty-second day of April, 1960, at 12 Noon.

BUSINESS

1. To receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the period 24th April to 31st December, 1959.
2. To sanction the declaration and payment of a dividend.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.
5. To transact any other business.

At this Meeting the Directors will recommend for approval the payment of a Dividend of M$0.075 per share less 40% Malayan Income Tax payable on 22nd April, 1960 to shareholders registered at that date.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from April 20th to April 22nd inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 19th Apr., 1960.

Delightful entertainment by Vienna group

By D. E. GRAY

AN evening of delightful entertainment in music and mirth was presented last night by the Vienna Academy Chorus at Queen's College. Our thanks go to Harry Odell for bringing to Hongkong this exceptionally fine chorus of 24 men and women.

The programme was beautifully balanced, the opening group of Sacred Music consisting of Kyrie and Sanctus, from "Missa Papae Marcelli" by Palestrina, a Gabrieli "Motet", a "Graduni" from a Bruckner Mass, and a Bach "Motet".

This was a cappella singing at its best—each item, it seemed to me, could not have been improved on.

I was pleased at the inclusion of Bruckner in the programme. For reasons which I have never been able to understand, Bruckner is not very popular with audiences outside Austria. But his harmonies have a richness and majestic grandeur which few can emulate, and the Chorus last night was magnificent in interpreting this underrated and little heard composer.

In the group which followed the mood changed, and we were treated to some gay and comic choruses, quite new to me, and which included a parody of 18th century comic opera style.

The chorus entered into the fun of it and their spirited interpretation was enthusiastically received by the near-capacity audience.

The final item of the first half consisted of Austrian Peasant Dances and Folk Songs all done in proper costume and altogether a delight.

The second half was given over to Classical Vienna music. For my taste this was musically the finest part of the programme. "Love Song Waltzes" of Brahms, written for piano duets and choir, were sensitively rendered by this group, and Schumann's "Gypsy Life", sung with an apparent gay abandon, were followed by a "Serenade" of Schubert (not the Serenade); arranged for Contralto Solo and choir.

The contralto, Gertrude Jahn, has a beautifully rich voice, and her singing of this lovely lieder was of a very high order indeed. The choral accompaniment could not have been better.

As one expects from an Austrian choir, the concert ended with a group of Johann Strauss works which included the "Voices of Spring Waltz". The pure, youthful tone and perfect voice control of the soprano, Elisabeth Witzmann, and the accompaniment by the choir resulted in a great ovation from the appreciative audience.

This is a very carefully selected and well-trained chorus. Conducted by Thomas Christian David, its tonal balance was excellent, and it was characterised by its spirited singing and by the way it made difficult passages seem easy.

Only a group of first-class musicians, trained into a cohesive unit can accomplish this.

Tonight there is a second concert by this Chorus. I wish there were more.

Queen's birthday rehearsal

A final rehearsal of the Queen's birthday military parade and march past was held in drizzling rain in Kowloon early this morning.

Units from all Services participated. The First Battalion, the Lancashire Regiment, turned up in full strength.

A mechanised column, led by Centurion tanks, proceeded from Tokwawan Road, and a marching column from Salisbury Road marched past the reviewing stand in Gascoigne Road.

The mechanised column dispersed at the junction of Nathan and Prince Edward Roads, and the marching column returned to its starting point where it was dismissed.

ENTERTAINING COST $56,000 —COURT TOLD

A man who owes his creditors nearly $2-million told Mr Justice C. W. Reece, in the Bankruptcy court today that he spent more than $50,000 on entertainment last year.

Yip Chor-cheung, who says he owns 10 factories in Hongkong and one in Macao, is in charge of a company's export department and also started a cigarette distributing firm here.

Yip said he dispensed $30,000 of the amount spent on entertainment.

"I spent it entertaining customers, and giving Christmas gifts to bankers and heads of other firms."

Mr R. H. Munro (for the official receiver): "Last year the percentage of your turnover spent on entertainment was about one per cent—this year it has risen to one-and-a-half per cent why?"

Yip, "The expansion of my business called for more entertainment."

Did not know

Mr Munro: "But your entertainment expanded more than your business at the Yardley Garment Factory" (the firm from which the entertainment expenses were taken).

Mr Justice Reece: "Do you think you were justified in spending this amount on gifts when you were losing money?"

Yip: "At that stage I did not know the firm was losing money."

Mr Justice Reece: "What? You are asking me to believe that you gave away that much money in December and not know you were losing money when in March you are in debt to the extent of almost $2-million?"

Yip: "Yes."

Hearing continues.

Sailor, cook fined on opium counts

A sailor and a cook of the ... ss Admiral Hardy were fined by Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Central Court this morning for possession of dangerous drugs on board the ship.

Wong Chik-yin, 39, cook, who had a clear record, was fined $150 or one month and seven days' imprisonment.

Chik King-fan, 46, sailor, who had eight previous convictions including one for a similar offence, was fined $200 with the alternative of two months' jail.

Revenue Inspector K. K. Leung said Revenue officers carried out a search on the ship last Sunday and a quantity of drugs were found inside defendants' lockers.

Very small

Wong was said to have had a quantity of prepared opium, an opium pipe and other equipment intended for the smoking of opium, and Chik was stated to have had in his possession a packet of opium husks and two flasks of opium wine without a licence.

Mr Mo who represented Wong said his client only took up the habit of smoking opium recently. The opium found was a very small quantity. He added that the opium was entirely for Wong's own consumption.

He then asked Mr Phillips to give Wong an option of a fine.

Mr Phillips ordered the drugs and equipment to be confiscated.

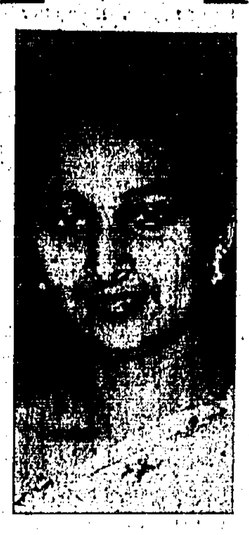
Driving licence stolen

A driving licence and a cheque book were stolen from a private car parked outside 21, Kin Wah Street, North Point yesterday morning.

Money stolen

Money and articles to a total value of $65 were stolen from No. 913, King's Road, ninth floor yesterday afternoon. The stolen property included three pairs of cuff links and a cigarette lighter.

HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT HK



MISS KAPILA

Miss F. Kapila, of New Delhi left today by Swissair for India after "a most pleasant three weeks in Hongkong".

Miss Kapila who is an "avid" traveller, has spent two years in the United Kingdom. She travels whenever possible.

She works as a secretary with the Ford Foundation in New Delhi.

"As I had heard so much about Hongkong," she said, "I took the first opportunity of paying the Colony a visit."

Photo shows Miss Kapila at Kai Tak this morning.—Intpiar Photo.

Six hurt in road accidents

A 50-year-old Chinese man was injured at about seven o'clock last night when the bicycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a bus in Choi Hung Road opposite Tai Hum Village, Kowloon City.

The cyclist has been identified as Wong Kai, of No. 633, "A" Block, Ngau Tau Kok Resettlement Estate.

Cheung Ko Choi, a seven-year-old boy living in an unnumbered hut in Davis Street, was knocked down and injured by a van in Davis Street near Belcher's Street at 10 a.m. yesterday.

Three other people were injured in separate traffic accidents yesterday morning.

They are a 65-year-old woman, Tsui So Ling, living in Wong Tai Sin, who was knocked down by a van in Chuk Yuen Village; Lau Yuk, a 66-year-old man living at No. 23, Western Street, second floor, who was hit by a van in Des Voeux Road West, and 55-year-old Ho Sun, of No. 69 Lee Garden Road, ground floor, who sustained injuries when the taxi in which he was travelling came into collision with two private cars in Murray Road near Garden Road.

A 13-year-old boy, Fung Kung On of No. 166, Prince Edward Road, first floor, was injured when he fell from his bicycle in Kadoorie Avenue near Prince Edward Road at noon yesterday.

dear sir

Commons debate

On April 28, 1960, an Adjournment Debate (restricted to half-an-hour) will take place in the House of Commons. The object being to request the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to appoint a Board of Inquiry into "Corruption in Hongkong".

It is anticipated that this request will be rejected on the grounds that a "new" Committee was appointed locally on March 17 1960 for the same purpose. Such a decision, I opine, will not satisfy the majority of the civic minded citizens of this Colony nor, I venture to assert, the honest Government Official who is prevented from defending himself in public.

In the event of a refusal by the Sec. of State, as anticipated, I respectfully suggest to you, Mr Editor, in view of your recent outspoken leaders on this vile subject, that you inaugurate a petition to Her Majesty the Queen pleading for an open inquiry into Corruption and Bribery in Hongkong.

C. N. S. BURNS.

Poker rules

I am wondering if there might be a stud poker expert among your readers who will be able to settle a minor difference of opinion between a friend and myself on a rule of the game.

The point in question concerns the exposure of the hands in five-card stud after all the cards have been dealt and all the betting completed.

One of us contends that the rule is that the lower or lowest of the hands on the basis of the four exposed cards must turn over his hidden card first to show that he can beat the four exposed cards of his opponent or opponents.

The other believes that the rule for draw poker is followed and that the last person to bet — in other words the person who calls — has the privilege of seeing the other player's hidden card first before having to show his own.

Since both of us have played the game under our respective rules in several places around the world and we can find no reference to this in books on poker, we are

DEADLOCKED.

Spaniard charged with overstay

A 34-year-old Spaniard, Gregorio Dal Rosario, motorman, of no fixed address, appeared before Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Court this morning on a charge of remaining in the Colony without authority.

It is alleged that Rosario, being an immigrant permitted to stay in the Colony during the visit of the ss Kyoto on April 14, failed to leave with the vessel in April 16.

Rosario pleaded not guilty and hearing was fixed for April 27 at 2.30 p.m.

From the Files

25 years AGO

April, 1935

THE development of the "city psychology" as an aid to progress was the main theme in Bishop R. O. Hall's address to the Rotary Club yesterday. Business people especially, he said, should remember that Hongkong was becoming more of a city and less of a Colony every day and recognition of that fact would foster a forward movement.

The future was bound up with the Pacific, and would only be hindered by those looking back to England all the time, and living in the triumph of the past.

Speaking about the "Colonial psychology," Bishop Hall said this always involved looking backwards to England. Lot's wife suffered from a similar psychology and being a backward-looking person she became a pillar of salt.

The backward look always breeds stagnation.

"General Smuts, and every other competent observer sees the next great era of the world's development in the Pacific. If we can develop a forward-looking psychology we can play an enormous part and a constructive part in the new Pacific civilisation.

"Hongkong can become the Geneva of the Far East; but there will be a distinction between the Geneva of the Far East and the European Geneva.

"The difference between them is the difference between economics and politics.

"Geneva essays to be the political centre of our civilisation. If she has failed it is because economics is more important than politics. The success of the International Labour Office is further evidence that this is true.

"But in the new civilisation of the Far East, economics is going to be more important than politics. Politics will follow economics. It is for that reason that the financial and commercial experience which is available in this city can be of the utmost service in the new world that will be made.

"Let us go forward without fear and without reproach to take a vigorous part in the economic reconstruction on which the new world of the Pacific will be based."

Mr M. K. Lo presided at the luncheon and among the guests he welcomed were Mr W. C. Gomersall from Shanghai.

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His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr E. H. Williams to be Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

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